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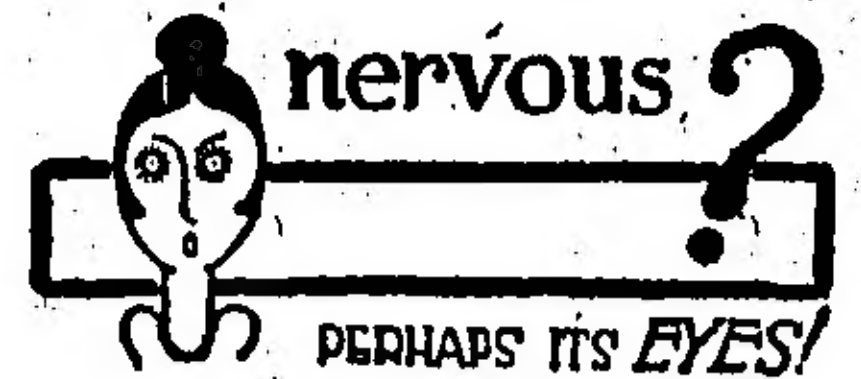
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STEAMER SUNK

300 LIVES LOST AT
SEA

CAPTAIN'S FATE GRAPHIC STORY BY SURVIVORS

The sad news was brought to the Colony to-day of the wreck of the s.s. "Lee Cheong," a local Chinese steamer on the Hong Kong and Swatow run. She was due to arrive in Hong Kong on Saturday, and when no tidings were received of her yesterday, great apprehension was felt, and it was generally feared that she had fallen into the hands of pirates.

CRYING BITTERLY

The worst was known this morning when two of her sailors were brought back to the Colony by fishing boats. They were dressed in borrowed clothes, and hardened men though they be, they were, nevertheless, crying bitterly. Interviewed by a "China Mail" representative this afternoon, one of the survivors said: "When I come to think of it, I cannot help suppressing my tears." And the poor man cried.

"We left Swatow on Saturday morning at about 7 o'clock with 250 passengers, quite a number of women and children among them, too. The ship carried a crew of 40, and there were also four Indian anti-piracy guards on her. Towards dusk a gale started to blow. The sea was very rough, the waves rising as high as a small mountain. Added to this a strong wind was blowing."

PRAYED TO GOD

"Our captain wanted to take shelter, but none was available. The 'Lee Cheong' pluckily went on her course, although she was badly buffeted about. The women and children were crying bitterly and every one was calling out to God to save them."

The poor man then stooped down to nurse an ugly cut on his knee and, with a catch in his throat, he went on, "The worst came at night when the storm was blowing at its height. Just at about 10 p.m. and in pitch darkness, a fierce gust of wind caught the ship. The vessel listed heavily to the starboard side, and then a mountainous wave completed the work. The ship turned turtle and with one piercing scream, men, women and children went down, never to rise again. That scream, if you could have heard it, was enough to freeze the marrow of your bones."

"Well, how did you and your companion escape the fury of the sea?"

CAUGHT HOLD OF A RAFT

"I found myself on the surface, and near me was a raft. I got hold of that, and then the Captain joined me. We clung hold to the raft throughout the night. It was freezing cold and the captain, a man over 60 years of age, died in the middle of the night. I held on to his body as much as I could, but I began also to feel stiff all over my body. Then with a roar, a huge wave, true the body of the captain away from my clutches. I saw it going under."

"Early yesterday morning (Sunday) I was picked up almost unconscious by a fishing boat. They were very kind to me, and these clothes I am wearing were lent to me."

The other survivor, when interviewed told a similar story. He was on another raft with the boat's crew. The latter was not able to stand the cold and, as in the case of the Captain, succumbed. This man was also rescued by a fishing boat, but in quite another part of the water.

The name of the captain was given as Leung So. The "Lee Cheong" was owned by Messrs. Fook Hoi and Co. Ltd. of 57 Canton Road, Central. She is a cargo and passenger boat of 800 tons gross, 168 tons net. She was about 180 feet in length.

PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS CARD

Mr. Stanley MacDonald, the Premier, has chosen for his Christmas card a picture called "The Potato Harvest."

This is a very surprising choice, considering the fact that the Premier is a well-known potato grower and exporter.

WORLD'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

DIPLOMATS RUMINATING OVER
THE YULETIDE

PEACE TO ALL MEN

London, Yesterday. The hitherto time-honoured practice of forming New Year resolutions is perhaps falling into disuse but diplomats throughout the world are undoubtedly ruminating over the Yuletide, preparatory to tackling big problems and as the relics of various international agreements or disagreements. The Hague conference on January 3 which will usher in the New Year, followed on January 20 by a meeting of the "League Council" at Geneva, and, transcending all, the London Naval Conference on January 21.

Eight other League of Nations conferences of various kinds will be held the same month, and an international gathering in Vienna of the Criminal Investigation Commission will ensure January, 1930, in historical records as a month of diplomacy. The Hague conference will not be contentious, for it merely deals with the reports of various committees appointed in August to clarify technical points before the Young Plan can operate.

The League Council meeting should be particularly noteworthy, as an effort will be made to harmonise the Kellogg Pact with the League Covenant, and, too, to fill in the gap in the Covenant, which is helpless to prevent war if it fails to compose a dispute peacefully. On the contrary, the Kellogg Pact outlaws war entirely.

Most of the signatories of the Covenant also signed the Kellogg Pact and if the effort succeeds it will mean a great stride towards world pacifism, which the London conference should finally install as the sole motif of humanity.—Reuter.

The Young Plan

Rugby, Yesterday. Preparations for the Naval Conference are now practically complete. Another important international conference fixed for next month is a second January 3, and will be engaged on technical points arising out of the Young Plan of reparations payments. The Council meeting of the League of Nations at the opening sessions of which the Foreign Secretary will attend as the Chief British Delegate, will be held at Geneva on January 13.—British Wireless Service.

The Naval Visit

Tokyo, Saturday. The Japanese Government is fully satisfied with the results of the Naval Delegation's visit to America, according to an official spokesman.

Though no definite agreements were reached, no disappointment is felt, as such a result was never anticipated.

According to the spokesman, the delegates' reports to Tokyo are encouraging and indicate that as a result of personal contact between Mr. Wakatsuki, President Hoover, and the American delegates, a mutual understanding of each other's fundamental position has apparently been achieved.

Meanwhile the vernacular papers express appreciation of the cordial reception accorded to the Japanese delegation, and express the belief that Japanese-American relations are improved as a result.—Reuter.

MacDonald Anxious

New York, Yesterday. According to the Washington correspondent of the "Herald Tribune," the old Anglo-French difference of opinion over the counting of trained army reserves as part of a country's military strength in any land disarmament project, will again be threshed out at the London Naval Conference.

"American officials," says the correspondent, "believe that Mr. MacDonald, in his anxiety, will use trained reserves as a bargaining point with France, if the French Government persists in its present obstructive and recalcitrant mood."—Reuter's American Service.

POULTRY CRUELTY CASES

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning two Chinese men and a woman were fined \$5 each for carrying ducks by their wings.

For the same offence two men and a woman were fined \$5 each for carrying two chickens by their wings. The magistrate said that the man who was fined \$5 for carrying two chickens by their wings, and the woman who was fined \$5 for carrying two chickens by their wings, were both Chinese.

PIRATES ATTACK ANOTHER SHIP

JAPANESE STEAMER RAIDED
WHILST LYING AGROUND

THE "RYUJIN MARU"

PROPERTY FEARED TO HAVE
BEEN STOLEN

Pirates operating along the Whampoa river are again active, and the latest steamer to fall a prey to their exploitation is the Japanese vessel, "Ryujin Maru" formerly the "Kaitsu Maru."

News of the attack on this steamer first reached the Japanese Consulate here and contained only meagre details. The Harbour Department as well as the Water Police were not able to throw further light on the matter when approached by a "China Mail" representative.

NO REGULAR RUN

In an interview with the local agents of the "Ryujin Maru"—Messrs. Hidaka & Co.—our representative was informed that the steamer in question is only a tramp boat. She has no regular run. She left Hong Kong on Saturday evening for Canton with a cargo of about 600 tons of coal. In the ordinary course of event she was to have left Canton direct for Keelung after discharging her cargo.

The "Ryujin Maru" however, went aground yesterday morning in Whampoa, and as she was lying there waiting for the tide to float her, at about ten o'clock last night, a band of robbers came alongside in two boats and began a concerted attack on the steamer.

THE WORST FEARED

It is not known whether the freebooters had succeeded in getting on board the steamer, but the Japanese Consulate here feared that the attack had been successful and that personal effects of the officers and crew had been stolen. The "Ryujin Maru" is a twin screw steamer of 909 tons net, under the command of Capt. Yamasaki. She carries a crew of 29 Japanese. She was built in 1905 for the Yuda Kisen Goshi Kaisha, and is capable of developing 111 N.H.P.

A FAMOUS FORGE

How many people know that close to Camberwell Green there is an old deserted forge, overgrown with grass, that was the home of the modern steel industry?

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THE PEDLAR'S WINDOW

"When visiting old London churches, one sometimes meets with a sudden surprise," writes a correspondent to a Home paper.

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The Pedlar's Window is the gem of the church, being fourteenth century glass. The colouring is very beautiful. The pedlar wears brown boots, blue stockings, a yellow coat and a tawny hat. He shoulders an enormous pack, carries a stout stick and has a dog.

It is said to be a painting of a benefactor who gave to the parish a piece of land known as the "pedlar's acre."

A BANISHMENT RETURN

Last Ying, a married woman, was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day charged with returning to the Colony before her banishment term of 10 years from 1920 had expired.

BIG FIRE IN WANCHAI

THREE BLOCKS BURNED
OUT

ORIGIN OF THE OUTBREAK

Three of a block of five houses in Queen's Road East, near the Wanchai market were practically burned out by a fire which broke out at about 6.10 p.m. yesterday.

The fire originated on the ground floor of No. 250 Queen's Road East, occupied as a kerosene and wine shop. It was caused by the alleged carelessness of a fook of the shop who spilled some spirit of wine over a spirit stove. The flames spread rapidly to a kerosene well and then travelling upward, they soon set the two houses on either side alight (Nos. 248 and 252). The ground floor of No. 248 was occupied by a general goods shop and that of No. 252 by a cracker and joss paper shop. The things stored in both these shops were highly inflammable and fed the flames well.

All the three houses had four storeys each. Eleven of the floors were completely burned out. Only the ground floor of No. 252 was

FRESH AND CLOUDY

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is now central over the Yangtze Valley. The Guam depression or typhoon is probably filling up.

Strong to fresh monsoon along the S. E. Coast of China and over the China Sea. Forecast:—N. winds; fresh; cloudy at first, then clearing.

The following telegram was received from Manila Observatory by the American Consulate General at 10 a.m. to-day: Typhoon in about 142 degrees Long. E. and 14 degrees Lat. N., recurring North-Eastward.

partially saved. The back was burned, however, and much damage was suffered from water.

The fire brigade were early on the scene the engine from the Wanchai Station being there within a few minutes, and later three from Central arrived.

For about 20 minutes the fire fighters were handicapped by the fact that there was little water, and only one jet could be got going on the flames. Later, plenty of water was turned on, and then the firemen were able to get control of the flames within half an hour.

House No. 252, was threatened first by flames getting across the common staircase, at the top, and later through the back on the ground floor, but the firemen saw the danger in time in both cases and played their hoses to good effect. Valuable assistance was given to the firemen by Boy Scouts and members of the public.

A rumour about four children being missing is this morning reported by the Police to be unfounded. A conservative estimate of the damage done to the houses and personal property of the inmates places the figure at about \$55,000.

COULD NOT REMEMBER

Mr. Leo: I remember that the motion was passed unanimously, but cannot now remember who the proposer and seconder were. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared?—Yes.

Next, reference was made to a directors' meeting of August 22, 1923, and witness said that the minutes of this meeting were in his handwriting. Mr. Brewer signed it also.

Mr. Fitzroy (reading from the minutes): It was proposed by Yau Far-in and seconded by Chung Tat-chien to make a call up to \$35 per share, payable on September 10, 1923?—Yes.

A SOUND POSITION

Then a directors' meeting of September 25, 1923, was referred to, and witness said that he was present at it also.

Mr. Fitzroy: A resolution was proposed by Chung Tat-chien that the company was in a sound position and that any dividend should be paid at the

Gold to the value of \$32,500,000 was offered to the company by the Government of the Republic of China, and that the company should accept it.

CASE AGAINST MR. BREWER

SHAREHOLDERS ASKED NOT TO
HAVE TOO HIGH HOPES

CROSS-EXAMINATION

MR. LEO EXPLAINS THE CAUSE
OF THE DOWNFALL

By special arrangement, the case against Mr. Noel Instone Brewer, former President of the Instone Banking Corporation, in liquidation, who is charged with alleged offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances, was resumed before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. P. C. Leo, former secretary of the bank, continued his evidence.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, recalled the general meeting of July 21, 1923, and the witness said that he remembered being present at the meeting and signing the minute book.

LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS

Mr. Fitzroy: You received some copies of the printed balance sheet before that?—Yes, they were handed to me by the head office attendant, and I sent them every where, even including the outposts, according to a list of names of shareholders I had. This list was prepared by Mr. Brewer, I think, but anybody in the bank could add names to that list.

Answering other questions, witness said: There were 200 or 300 copies. I believe I sent some to people in Hong Kong. As secretary I knew that it was my duty to send the balance sheet to every shareholder, and as far as I can remember I did so. I sent them out immediately after receiving them.

Questioned further about the balance sheet, witness said that he remembered having been asked before and had said that they were sent "at least seven days before the meeting," also that he had sent them out in accordance with a list of shareholders given to him by Mr. Brewer.

Taken back to the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 1923, the witness said that they were signed by both Mr. Brewer and himself. The minutes of that meeting were then read to the effect that the minutes of the previous meeting of June 18, 1923, were passed and the two resolutions were confirmed.

INTERESTS IN CANTON

Counsel: I will deal with the last point first. The Instone Banking Corporation had interests, in the beginning, at Canton and Shekai?—Yes.

What happened to the branches in those two places?—The registration was not in order so they were closed down by order of the Canton Government.

Were those the unforeseen circumstances referred to at the meeting of September 25, 1923?—Yes.

What effect had the closing of those branches on the Company's business?—It slackened since then.

In fact, it almost put a stop to the business altogether?—It amounts to that.

A DEATH BLOW

It was practically a death blow to the Company?—It was the cause of the downfall.

Did that occur at the end of July?—I think so. I can't remember the dates of the closing of the respective branches, but recollect that the Canton one was closed first, a short time before the other.

They were closed after the balance sheet was issued?—Yes.

Therefore there was a totally different position in August, than when the balance sheet was made out?—Yes.

THE AUDITOR

Going back to the beginning of the witness's evidence, Mr. Davidson asked: "When Li Tung was auditing the books, where did he work?"—In my room.

Not in Mr. Brewer's room?—In my room, because I have an unoccupied desk there.

In answer to other questions, witness said that he was with Li Tung whilst he was working and at the end of each day he himself locked the books away.

Mr. Davidson: Did Li Tung give any reason for making the alteration to Capital (in the first type-written copy of the balance sheet)?—He said that it looked more businesslike and looked better.

CANTON SAVED BY A GERMAN

THE CANTONESE ARMY RESTING
ON ITS LAURELS

REBELS RETREAT

Having occupied Wuchow, the Cantonese Army is now resting on its laurels and the Kwangsi rebels have retreated into the interior of their province. The Ironsides have dropped back into north-east Kwangsi but the Cantonese do not appear to be following up hotly in this direction.

Another indication that the Cantonese authorities—and also, of course, the National Government at Nanking—consider the position in the South safe is the departure from Canton of one of the two divisions of Northern troops sent down to reinforce the Cantonese in the hour of trial.

German Expert Leaves

The German military expert who planned the system of defence which led to the complete victory of the Cantonese has also departed.

Only one Northern division remains and that may return North shortly. The General commanding the division already sailed gave a graphic account of four days' stubborn fighting with the Ironsides.

time was not the fault of the management, but due to unforeseen circumstances?—Yes.

And it was proposed that a second mortgage be taken on the building in Des Voeux Road, but that was deferred and the meeting was adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on October 21?—Yes.

Answering a further question the witness said that he remembered that the second mortgage was entered into for \$20,000, the terms being 2 per cent. per month. It was correct to say that it was entered into on October 1, 1923.

Mr. E. Davidson, for the defence, then cross-examined the witness.

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Was it a fact that from June 10 to the end of the month Mr. Brewer was away ill?—I believe he was really ill. Even when he came to the bank he did not stay long. The period of his illness would have extended for over two weeks.

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MANCHURIA DISPUTE

ALL TROOPS TO BE
WITHDRAWN

PEACE AT LAST

THE KHABAROVSK
PROTOCOL SIGNED

London, Yesterday.

The end of the Russo-Chinese conflict in Manchuria is indicated by the announcement from Moscow that Simanovsky and Tsai Yun-sheang, the Russian and Chinese representatives respectively, signed the Protocol of Khabarovsk, restoring the status quo of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the respective consulates and commercial organisations in Manchuria and Soviet Far Eastern territory. Meanwhile, the troops on both sides are to be withdrawn and all prisoners released. A Russo-Chinese conference will meet in Moscow on January 25 to arrange all outstanding questions.

SOVIETS' DISAPPROVAL

Tokyo, Saturday. The Soviet's disapproval of the visit of the international train to North-western Manchuria has been officially intimated to the Japanese Embassy in Moscow, according to official reports. Meanwhile the train remains at Buchatu while the Consul in Harbin and Mukden are attempting to overcome Chinese objections to the investigators proceeding to the scene of the recent Soviet invasion.

The Japanese Ambassador drew the attention of the Soviet to the fact that the bombardment of Manchuli caused the death of a Japanese woman, and the wounding of a South Manchuria Railway official.

The Soviet have indicated their willingness to investigate and indemnify, if it is proved that Russians were responsible.

Harbin reports to Rengo are that the international train withdrew to Harbin this afternoon, following telegraphic instructions from the Harbin Consular Body, which charges the Chinese authorities with insanity in connection with the train.—Reuter.

DEPORTATION OF "WHITES"

Moscow, Yesterday. The protocol of Khabarovsk also provides for recognition of the restoration of rights of employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway, who left since July 10. The Chinese undertake to disarm, and deport the "White" guard detachments from three eastern provinces.—Reuter.

THEFT FROM AN HOTEL

Described as an excellent cook and worker by the Manager of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon (Mr. J. P. Bourne), a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day charged with the theft of 28 lb. of sugar.

Detective-Sergeant Humphreys stated that the sugar was found when he was searched by the Indian watchman at the gate.

Mr. Bourne stated that the accused stole some eggs not long ago, but as they had a mark of their own there was no proof of theft, so they let him off.

The Magistrate asked the accused if all the employees were to steal all the time how could the hotel get along? Accused, when asked what he had to say, replied that he had to admit that he stole the sugar.

He was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

ON MONKEY HILL

In the general scramble for good things on Monkey Hill in the Zoo, the little monkeys do not stand much chance in the scrum.

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KIDNAPPING?**Chinese And A Young
Unmarried Girl****WAS IT ELOPEMENT?**

That the case was more one of elopement than kidnapping was the comment made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, when Tang Fuk (26) an unemployed Wai-Chowese, was convicted on a charge of harbouring an unmarried girl under 21 years of age, Wan Tai Tai (18) without the consent of her father, at 12, Causeway Bay Road, on December 14, 15, and 16.

The alternative charge brought against the defendant was that he caused her to be taken away from the lawful possession of her father on December 6.

Offence Admitted

In reply to the two charges the defendant admitted that he had taken the girl to his house without the consent of the father.

The Magistrate took that as a plea of guilty to the first charge, and pointed out that he thought it a usual Chinese custom for a man to ask the consent of a girl's parents before taking her away.

Mr. H. R. Butters, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuting, said that the defendant was a foki to the girl's father in a cotton quilt shop, at 86, Woosung Street, Yaumati.

Evidence was then given by the father and the harboured girl, at the conclusion of which his Worship passed the above remark.

"Very Wrong of You"

The Magistrate told the defendant that it was very wrong of him to have taken the girl away from her father without the latter's knowledge.

It was stated that two days before the defendant left the complainant's employment, the girl was missing.

The defendant, on conviction of the harbouring charge, was fined \$50, with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

Detective Sergeant Fowlie appeared on behalf of the police.

FOND OF HONG KONG**Banishsee Finds A
Welcome Here**

Furnished with a continual order of banishment since 1904, Leung Fai was at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith charged with disobeying the Deportation Order, having been sent away from the Colony last year for life.

The defendant, in answer to the charge, stated that he was only passing through Hong Kong on his way to Siam.

He did not think it was an offence.

The Magistrate pointed out that the defendant was convicted for burglary last year and banished, and previous to that had returned from deportation four times. For the last occasion he got 11 months and 12 strokes of the birch.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour with 24 strokes of the birch was passed.

INNOCENCE**Girl Told Not To Do
It Again**

A Chinese man and a young girl, eleven years of age were both at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith charged with the unlawful possession of seven mace of raw opium at Shanghai Street.

Sub-Inspector James pointed out that although the girl was carrying the illicit drug, he was quite sure it belonged to the man, and would therefore ask for her discharge, as her mother was a cripple and could not come to Court.

It was stated that the defendant was probably taking the opium home to the house of "The little girl's" mother to prepare it for her to smoke, as she was an invalid.

The Magistrate, in telling the girl that she was discharged, warned her not to do it again, and she was not to carry any opium for anybody.

VACCINATION**St. John Ambulance
Brigade**

The weekly vaccination return of the St. John Ambulance Brigade shows that the number of persons vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, December 19 is:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	6,747
King's College Division (Old)	3,411
Railway Division	1,261
Indian Division	1,169
Kowloon Division	16,095
Mong Kok Division	87,338
Shaukiwan Division	4,478
Motor Drivers' Association	1,917
Chinese Athletic Division	3,719
On Long	489
Victoria Nursing Division	14
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	149
Total	120,338

BOY SCOUTS**Successful Concert In
City Hall****BRIGHT TALENT**

The Chinese say that in order to regain one's youth, one must live among the young people. After attending the Boy Scouts' Coming-of-Age concert on Saturday night at the Theatre Royal, we are beginning to think that there is a great deal of truth in that. The large audience present at the Boy Scouts' concert were literally transferred to another realm. Mundane troubles and financial problems did not worry them. All lived over childhood days again, and all were infected by genuine laughter.

The items on the programme were excellent, and the large number who turned out to give the young folk the "glance-over" were well rewarded.

The curtain went up to show what the Sea Scouts could do in dancing the hornpipe and singing shanties. The Rev. N. V. Halward, as the shantymen, was true to type. How he produced a three-day old whisker must remain a secret, but his rendering of the "Blow the Man Down," "Boney was a Warrior," "Shenandoah," "Bound for the Rio Grande," and "Shiver me Timbers" were really good.

The Grand Howl

Then came the Grand Howl by the Wolf Cubs. These little fellows were very business-like. They took things so seriously that the audience could not hold their sides together with laughter. After the terrific howl, little Jimmy came on the stage selling the "China Mail." Two street arabs went up to him and asked him the everlasting question: "How much money he had." Jimmy was an honest boy and told them what he had made. No sooner was this said than the twourchins set upon him.

Four little Cubs came on the scene and promptly rescued Jimmy. Two got hold of the naughty urchins, and two rendered first aid to Jimmy. The bandage was tied in quite a masterly fashion, and then Jimmy was carried away.

What about the two little assailants? No, they were not treated brutally. They received a fatherly talking, and then were invited to join the Cubs so that they might mend their ways. Of course they jumped at it, and turned out to be good boys!

Jungle Dance

After treating the audience to a jungle dance and showing the way how the Union Jack was made up, the Cubs staged a boxing bout, which had Dempsey and Tunney beaten hollow. The announcer, quite a little fellow, must have learned his business from Mr. Brook.

Little Bruiser Sheldon, the Champion of the Dog Kennel at the Peak, and Pete Morris, the mosquito weight champion, then took the ring. Bang, went the first blow and Pete received the full brunt of it. He did not see "red"! Oh no! After playing "possum" a bit, he landed out a straight jab and caught the little Bruiser on the chin. A melee ensued, and both received the sleeping potion. They were counted out.

Japanese fencing, by the Japanese Troop, was amusing, instructive and laugh-provoking. They certainly did not handle each other with velvet gloves. The thick bamboo descended all over each other's body and many a bad wagging the participants received.

A very pretty scene was seen when the 2nd Kowloon Company of Girl Guides rallied around their Camp Fire. Then followed the Maoi-War Cry of Welcome Folk Dancing, Indian Club Swinging and Chinese Action Song. These items were all well received.

"Sonny Boy"

A little "nigger" boy came on the stage, dressed in dinner jacket and with his tie arranged in the same manner as Al Jolson. He imitated this world renowned singer in the part he played in the "Singing Fool." He sang "Sonny Boy" to perfection and his American twang was flawless.

Next came the Nigger Minstrels delighting the audience with all the latest Broadway hits. The full company then took part in the play, "Robin Hood." Each boy acted his part to perfection, particularly Friar Tuck and King Richard in disguise.

Before the rise of the curtain and during the interval the Band of H.M.S. "Cornwall" played selections.

Robin Hood

The Band—
Robin Hood, leader of a band of Outlaws. E. Zimmerman.
Will Scarlett, His Lieutenant. C. W. Low.
Long Tom, Member of the Band. Edward Hunt.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.**PENINSULA HOTEL**

Tuesday, 31st December, 1929.

New Years Eve Carnival {fully reserved,
bookings now closed
Special Tea Dance (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

Wednesday, 1st January, 1930.

HONG KONG HOTEL

Thursday, 26th December, 1929.

Boxing Night Carnival (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.)

Wednesday, 1st January, 1930.

Special Tea Dance (4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.)

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

Tuesday, 24th December, 1929.

Christmas Eve Carnival (8.30 p.m. to Midnight).

Tuesday, 31st December, 1929.

New Years Eve Carnival {fully reserved,
bookings now closed

Wednesday, 1st January, 1930.

Special Tiffin (Orchestra 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.)

Wednesday, 1st January, 1930.

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Martin, a treacherous member of the band of outlaws, W. J. Manuel.
Edward, young outlaws, C. Dragon.
Godwin, young outlaws, E. A. Harnell.
An Old Man, A. Elma.
An Old Woman, Chan Fook-hung.
The Priest of St. Giles, Wong Wing-cheong.
Two Judges, Lam Tak-leung.
Midland Champion, Francis Zimmerman.
Outlaws and Guards—Ip Chee-chuen, Yeung Tsun-chung, A. Zimmerman, F. Brown, Lam Yeung-hee, Chan Fook-hung, Tam Kam-pui, Li Kam-lim, J. Youngs, Yeung Tsung-luk, A. Hunt, H. Hunt, N. Tsai-tak, Yu Wing-lun, Tang Fock, D. Hunt.

A FREE FIGHT**Scrimmage In A Chinese
Gambling Den****TOO MUCH COMMISSION!**

That the defendants' excuses of having to pay too much commission was very improbable, was the remark made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, when two Chinese were charged before him with assaulting two men and a woman at a ground floor house in Canton Road.

A Detective-Sergeant stated that this place was a very well-known gambling den and was frequently visited by about 50 to 100 Chinese every day.

There was a "free fight," and if it had not been for the prompt action of the police in quelling the affray, there might have been some casualties. As it was, the assaulted persons had been badly hurt, as the result of being hit by iron spanners.

His Worship fined the defendants \$10 and \$5 each. At the request of Detective Fitches, the defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

LORD BYNG ILL**Visit To South Africa
Postponed**

Rugby, Saturday.
The following bulletin was issued last night from the London residence of Lord Byng of Vimy, whose proposed departure for South Africa yesterday was postponed owing to a setback in his progress: "Bronchial Catarrh and fever continue and necessitate quiet and comfortable bed. His general condition is satisfactory."—British Wireless Service.

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MANILA MARU	Tuesday, 24th December.
BOMBAY—via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEIGEN MARU	Friday, 3rd January.
(Calls at Penang & Karachi.)	
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAI-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MONBASA—via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU	Thursday, 2nd January.
CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU	Thursday, 2nd January.
(Calls at Belawan Deli.)	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 27th December.	
MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 4th January.
HAIPHONG—via Hanoi & Yantai.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 20th Dec., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAVANA MARU	Wednesday, 8th January.
JAPAN PORTS	
SEATTLE MARU	Tuesday, 24th December.
HONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 29th December.
KEELUNG—via Hanoi & Yantai.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 29th Dec., Noon.
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Rugby, Saturday.
A striking decrease in the number of accidents to Royal Air Force aircraft has resulted from the standardisation on all British service machines of Handley-Page Slotted Wing safety device and other safety measures. Though considerably more flying has been done by Royal Air Force machines in 1929 than in any previous years, the number of accidents has dropped by nearly half as compared with last year, and the killed have diminished by approximately one third.

In 1926 there were 54 accidents and 85 deaths. In 1927 the figures were 37 accidents and 54 deaths. In 1928 there were 50 accidents and 76 deaths. And last year the number of accidents had fallen to 31, accidents and deaths to 42. Parachutes, with which all service air-men are now equipped, were directly responsible during the year for saving 16 lives.

The decrease in the number of accidents and fatalities has occurred during a period when there has been an increase in the number of squadrons from 61 in 1926, to 76, as well as an increase in the speed of machines. Apart from safety devices, it is thought that one explanation of the improvement may be the fact that pilots are now trained more slowly and carefully, and are led to regard flying as the part of a definite profession rather than as an amusing sport. They are consequently less inclined to take unnecessary risks, and have ceased to admire the recklessness of some of the wartime pilots.—British Wireless Service.

GERMAN CRISIS

Dr. Schacht Forces Two Resignations

Berlin, Saturday.
The Finance Minister, Herr Hilferding, and the Financial Under-Secretary, Professor Popitz, have resigned. Their resignation was a sequel to criticisms of the financial policy by Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank. Herr Hilferding's resignation is important at present, in view of the forthcoming Hague Conference, at which Germany's Finance Minister must be present.

It is reported in political circles that Professor Moldenhauer, of the Ministry of Economics, will temporarily take over the Finance Ministry. Later.
The Reichstag met shortly after midnight, and adopted by 255 votes to 131 an urgent Government Bill creating a special sinking fund for the redemption of Germany's floating debt.

The Bill is a sequel to the pressure upon the Government by Dr. Schacht. Professor Moldenhauer has been appointed Minister of Finance ad interim.—Reuter.

POLISH CABINET

Pilsudski May Not Rule As Dictator

Warsaw, Yesterday.
M. Bartel, Premier from June, 1928, to June, 1929, has accepted a commission to form a new Cabinet. He is a supporter of Marshal Pilsudski under whom he formerly served as Vice-Premier.

His appointment is regarded as an indication that Pilsudski does not intend to rule as Dictator.—Reuter.

THE IDLE FUND

London, Saturday.
A supplementary Estimate for £5,100,000 has been issued. The principal item is for £4,000,000, as a contribution to the Unemployment Fund, in accordance with the recent Bill.—Reuter.

FRENCH TRIBUTES

FULL HONOURS FOR VICTIMS OF CAPE FLIGHT

Tunis, Saturday.

The coffins of the British airmen, draped with the French tricolour, and an oration delivered in French by an English pastor, were features of a solemn funeral service, with full military honours, at the Anglican Church. Due tribute was paid to Lt.-Lt. Jenkins and Squadron-Leader Jones-Williams by their French brothers-in-arms. The mourners included the British Consul, a representative of the Bey of Tunis, and the Resident-General, with their whole military and civil staffs, and also two platoons of Chasseurs, and a company of the French African Air Service. The Zouave band was present also. The bodies are being conveyed to England.—Reuter.

PASSENGER LISTS

DEPARTURES.
Per P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" on Saturday:
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on December 21 at 7.30 a.m.
The B.I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Kobe for this port on December 20, a.m., and is due here on December 25, a.m.
The M.V. "Hilda" sailed from Singapore on December 21, and is expected here on December 27.
The M.V. "Remo" sailed from Penang on December 23, and is due here on January 2.
The s.s. "Calicut" sailed from Sydney on December 10, and is expected here on January 10.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki on December 22 (Sun.) at 6 p.m., left Nagasaki on December 23 (Mon.) at 5 a.m., and is due at Kobe on December 24 (Tues.) at 5 a.m. She leaves Kobe on December 24 (Tues.) at 4 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on December 22 (Sun.) at 8.30 a.m., left Yokohama on December 22 (Sun.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 29 (Sun.) a.m. She leaves Hong Kong on December 29 (Sun.) at 5 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 21, and is due here on January 12 (Sun.)

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:
In basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar", "Petersfield", "Magnolia", "Marston", "Thracian", "Sopoy", West wall: "Kent" (flagship). In Dock: "Seraph", "Cornflower", No. 4 Buoy: "Herald", No. 5 Buoy: "Hermes", No. 6 Buoy: "Cornwall". The only foreign man-of-war in harbour was:
French Gunboat "Vigilante."

FERRY COLLISION

New York, Saturday.
A passenger ferryboat to-day collided with a goods ferryboat off Hoboken, imperilling 700 lives.
Eight river boats transferred all the passengers safely.—Reuter's American Service.

SHIPPING BRIEVITIES

The coxswain of the motor boat, "Wo Lok", was fined \$10 this morning by Mr. T. W. H. Rosegood at the Marine Court for sailing fast in a narrow channel.

LABOUR CRITICISED

Unemployment Schemes Attacked

"A VERY OLD GAME"

Rugby, Saturday.
A debate on unemployment took place in the House of Commons on the report stage of the supplementary estimate for the salary of Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of Unemployment.
Mr. Wheatley, a member of the Left Wing of the Labour Party, strongly criticised the record of the Minister in regard to unemployment. He declared that one had to face the hard fact that Mr. Thomas was making no impression on the unemployment situation. So far as he could see, there was not one new idea. The schemes and plans which Mr. Thomas had submitted were those which had baffled the minds of Labour Ministers ever since the unemployment problem had existed.

"Same Old Aims"
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, declared that Mr. Thomas was simply playing the same old game which the Conservative Party played four years ago. It seemed that the total products of Mr. Thomas's schemes would be to find work for only 70,000 to 75,000 men, if spread over five years.

No Despair
Mr. Lloyd George, Liberal leader, said he did not think there was any cause for despair. Unemployment was in the main attributable to the fact that our export trade had not recovered. That was bad, but when he looked at the conditions of the export trade in other countries he did not think we had very much cause to feel despair. There were two things on which the Minister should give the House information. The first was how much work he had provided under his schemes this year; and the second was how many more men would have work provided for them by Government grants and assistance than by the schemes of their predecessors in office.

Government's Duty
Mr. Thomas said that when he approached the unemployment problem he made up his mind that if work could be provided it was the Government's duty to do it. That was subject to two conditions. The first was that he could not be a party merely to adding to the dead weight capital of the country, and, secondly, that work accelerated or employment provided would add to the efficiency of the country. There were 80 odd bills waiting to pass the House, and 40 of these contained powers that Parliament must give before they could start a man working.

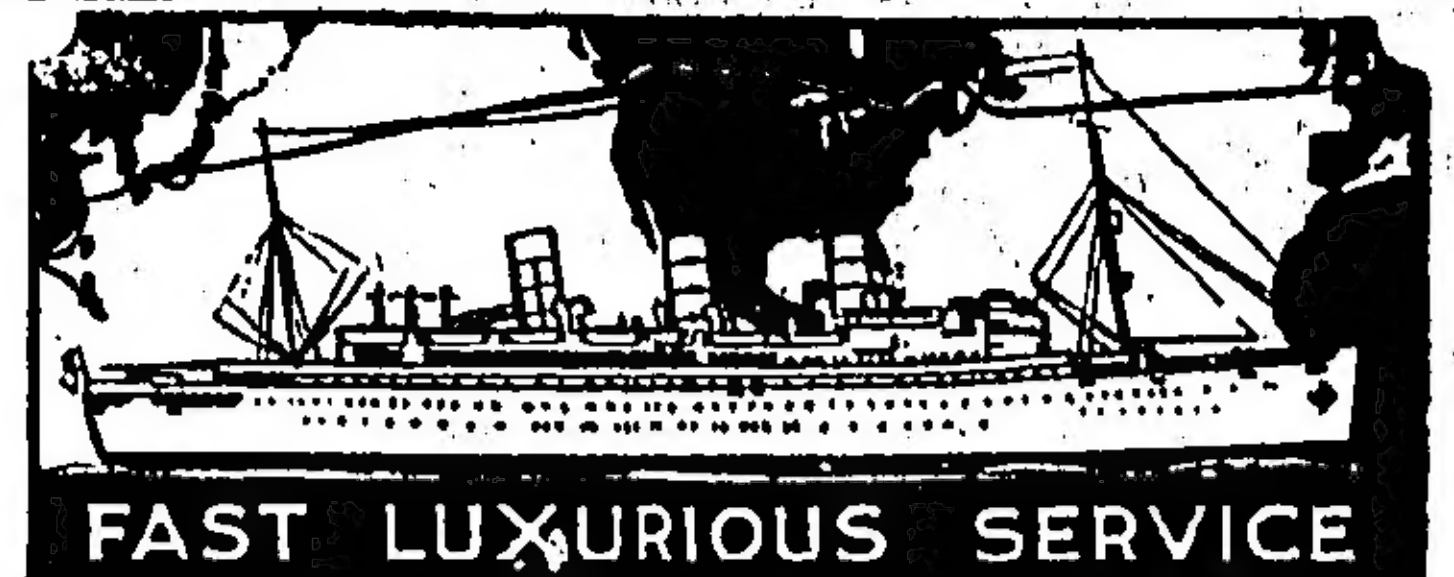
Whereas schemes of municipalities or public companies sanctioned by Unemployed Grants Committees in the last two years of the late Government had involved an expenditure of £6,000,000 in six months, during which the present Government had been in office, this committee alone had sanctioned £13,500,000 for 630 different schemes, and at the present moment there were 923 fresh schemes under consideration, of a total value of £18,000,000, £3,500,000 expenditure had been sanctioned on electricity development.

Docks and Harbours
In regard to docks and harbours, here again the study of the unemployed problem convinced him that, if we wanted to develop our trade, more facilities and more efficient plant was required at many of our docks and wharves. He had invited a committee of dock authorities to meet him, and schemes had been approved for docks in such places as Dundee, Milford, Liverpool, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Shoreham, Inverness, Boston and Aberdeen. He would be deceiving the House if he did not frankly say that in the end these schemes were the only expedient.

"I do not believe any Government can solve the unemployment problem by merely temporary schemes of whatever kind. I do believe that, in addition to all this speeding up that I have enumerated, you have got to concentrate on your export trade."

He deplored the fact that the late Government had abolished trade commissioners for 22 different countries. The present Government proposed to restore most of these. It was engaged in reviving the whole of that department.

Trade Prospects
Dealing with the general trade prospects of the country Mr. Thomas said that recent events in London and America could not be



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"I do not believe any Government can solve the unemployment problem by merely temporary schemes of whatever kind. I do believe that, in addition to all this speeding up that I have enumerated, you have got to concentrate on your export trade."

He deplored the fact that the late Government had abolished trade commissioners for 22 different countries. The present Government proposed to restore most of these. It was engaged in reviving the whole of that department.

Trade Prospects
Dealing with the general trade prospects of the country Mr. Thomas said that recent events in London and America could not be

minimised. Their effect was very serious. On the other hand, there were bright prospects in certain industries, if unification and nationalisation could take place. The motor industry offered more hope of employment than others. In the steel industry great changes were taking place. The steel industry was passing through a difficult period, and the cotton industry was in the same position precisely. He was applying himself in consultation with those trades and with experts to see how far they could stimulate those industries.

In conclusion, he repeated that he would do all he could by the expenditure of public moneys to provide employment, always provided it added to the efficiency and general prospects of the country as a whole. Just as his predecessor put on the brake he was putting on the accelerator. The motion against the Government was rejected by 222 votes against 146.—British Wireless Service.

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KHIVA	9,135	18th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	22nd Jan.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
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*MIRZAPORE	6,715	28th Dec. 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TAKADA	9,949	29th Dec. 1930	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MANTUA	10,946	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	14th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*VEDDERPORE	5,384	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMA	9,241	25th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SHIRALA	7,841	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	6,955	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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NO ART IN
TALKIESRUSSIAN PRODUCERS'
VIEWS

"ACCURATE IMITATION"

There is no artistic future for
the talkies as now being made in
America and Europe, according to
M. V. I. Pudovkin, one of the most
brilliant of the Russian film pro-
ducers.

As the producer of such pictures
as "Light Over Asia," "The Last
Days of St. Petersburg," and
"Mother," his opinion is counted
very highly in film circles, and he
made his statement after a long
study of talking films in Berlin and
Paris.

"At best," he told the British
United Press, "the talkies are
an accurate imitation of the
legitimate theatre. No matter how
far the technique is carried, it can
never go beyond the limitations
of ordinary acting. The import-
ance of the talkies are thus mere-
ly commercial—they bring the
theatre to those who are too far
away from the real thing."

"But artistically, the American
method of using sound adds abso-
lutely nothing to the motion pic-
tures."

Americans' Mistake

That, however, does not mean
that M. Pudovkin considers sound
of no value to the pictures, writes
a British United Press correspon-
dent. On the contrary, when
used properly, he considers that
sound can become a powerful fac-
tor in raising the emotional qual-
ity and the artistic value of a film.

"The mistake American pro-
ducers make," he said, "is to re-
produce sound realistically. A man
speaks and the audience hears
exactly what he says. The words
quite as often detract from the
effect of the action as they add
to it. But if instead of syn-
chronising word and act, in-
stead of giving the thing literally,
sound were used only to clarify
and deepen the author's intention,
the producer would have one more
means for heightening the emo-
tional appeal of his subject."

M. Pudovkin, and with him Eisen-
stein and other Russian pro-
ducers, refer to their own method
as "tone-films." They use sound
to convey meanings—as symbols,
sometimes as an expression of what
is going on in a character's mind
—rather than literally.

Pudovkin's Method
Of the many examples which M.
Pudovkin cited, one, taken from a
"tone" film on which he is working,
illustrates his method.

A woman is saying good-bye to
her husband at a railway station.
She knows there is something im-
portant that she must tell him, but
has forgotten what it is. The time
for the train to leave approaches
and her anxiety to remember in-
creases accordingly.

Just then there is the sound of a
train starting, growing louder and
faster, as if gathering speed. But
actually the train has not yet
moved. The audience sees that the
train is stationary.

The sound is used as an expres-
sion of the woman's anxiety, her
feeling that the train is going
... The audience, M. Pudovkin ex-
pects, will share her anxiety through
hearing, as she does in mind, the
imaginary movement of the train.
"We in Russia," M. Pudovkin
concluded, "are not satisfied with
reproducing the theatre on the
screen. We want to make a new
and stronger medium of expression
out of the films."

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of the Belgian delegates to the
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gians had left Baden-Baden some
days before the other delegates
signed the statute as a protest
against the decision not to fix
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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed., 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Sun., 5th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 1st Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe	HOSANG	Sun., 10th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri., 31st Jan. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat., 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Mon., 8th Jan. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	GUANGSANG	Fri., 17th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat., 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon., 6th Jan. at Noon
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Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent
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Parades and Classes

All parades and instructional classes
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mas and New Year Holidays.

Flying Squad

The next weekly instructional patrol
of the Kowloon Section will take place
on Tuesday, January 7. Fall in at the
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5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uni-
form, and Cap with White Cover.

The next weekly instructional patrol
of the Hong Kong Section will take
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Sharpshooters' Company

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tice will be carried out on Kennedy
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January 6, at 10 a.m. Rifles will be in-
spected. All members will bring their
rifles, belts and revolvers. Uniform
optional.

Rifles.—All members who have not
yet drawn their rifles must draw them
on Tuesday, December 24, or Friday,
December 27.

(Sgd.) W. Kent, A.S.P.,
Adjutant.
Hong Kong, Dec. 23, 1929.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

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dicting Machine, which includes 40
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analysis of the tidal observations,
taken at the Kowloon tidal obser-
vatory under the direction of Dr.
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and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

December 23 to 29, 1929.

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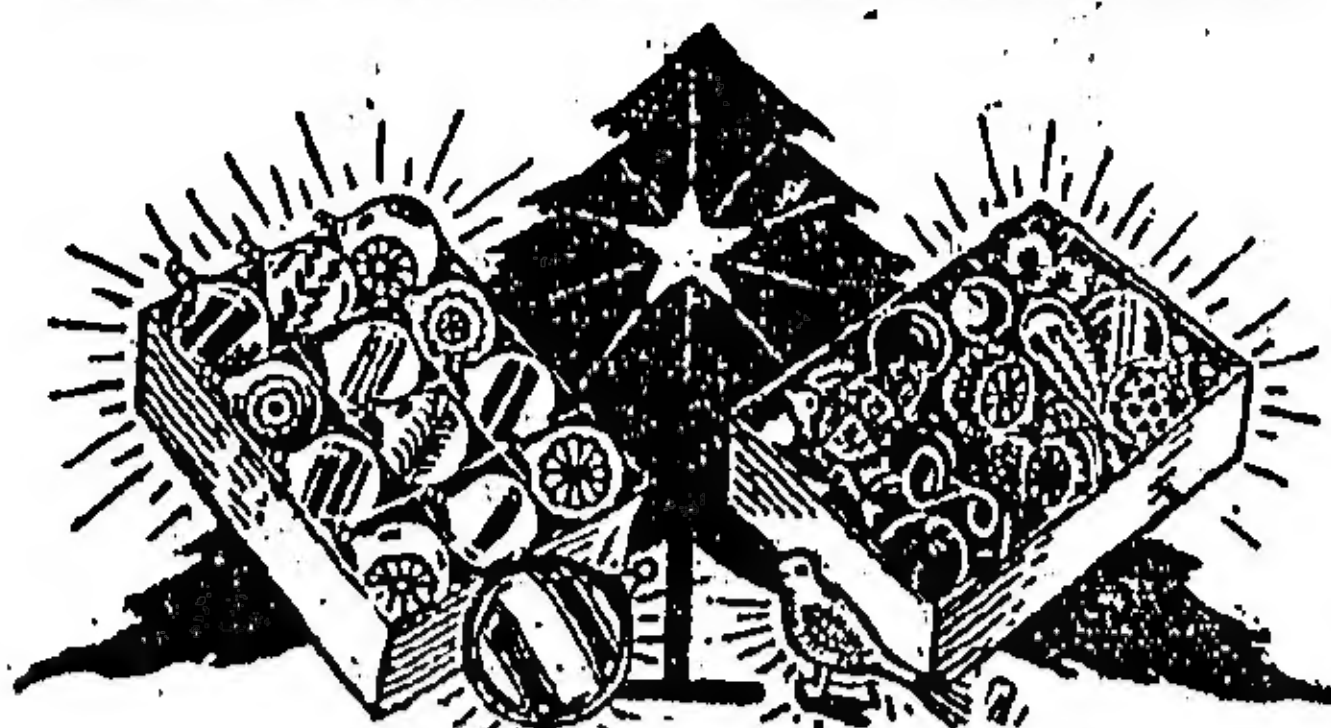
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PATERSON, a son, still born.

Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 23, 1929.

OPIUM AND DRUGS

The sensational events which
marked the work of this year's
Assembly of the League of Na-
tions in the sphere of arbitra-
tion and disarmament have tend-
ed to obscure the vast and im-
portant work which was being
carried on simultaneously in other
fields. In no direction was the
progress achieved more hopeful
than with respect to the traffic
in opium and other dangerous
drugs, with which the League of
Nations has, for years past, been
struggling valiantly against
overwhelming difficulties.

It has long been recognised
that the attempt to control smug-
gling of dangerous drugs, or the
illicit consumption of them, is
not only exceedingly difficult to
achieve, but also, fails to touch
the real heart of the problem, so
long as it proves impossible to
bring about the control and
limitation of production. All
attempts to establish such con-
trol broke down, however, on the
national interests of some of the
manufacturing countries, in par-
ticular, France and Japan. At
the recent Assembly, the French
delegate made the welcome an-
nouncement that France intend-
ed strictly to limit her output of
drugs. The Japanese delegate,
although Japan cannot hold out
hopes of establishing effective
limitation of her manufacture for
export, yet spoke in a much more
hopeful tone than she has adopt-

ed hitherto. These declarations
changed the whole situation and
the British delegate on the Fifth
Commission of the Assembly—
that which deals with this prob-
lem—was quick to seize this op-
portunity, and to put forward a
proposal with the aim of limiting
world production of narcotic
drugs to the level of the world's
need for medical and scientific
purposes. The Health Com-
mittee of the League is already
in possession of approximate
statistics showing the rough total
of these medical and scientific
needs. The first step is, there-
fore, to get an agreement between
the manufacturing countries not
to produce more than this total.

The conference which will be con-
vened for this purpose will be at-
tended also by representatives of
the consuming countries, to avert
the danger that the eight pro-
ducing countries might fix too
high a total. The next step after
this will be to agree on a quota
system among the producing
countries, after which the fac-
tories in each country must ar-
range a quota system between
themselves. It will also have to
be arranged that no new fac-
tories be started in countries
where, at present, they do not
exist.

The task will certainly not be
easy. Nevertheless, the step
taken forward at the recent As-
sembly constitutes indubitably
the greatest progress yet made in
the campaign against this social
evil. Now, for the first time, it is
really possible to hope that the
end of the illicit traffic in danger-
ous drugs is in sight.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From the Colonial Dispensary the
"China Mail" has received a pretty
calendar for 1930.

Mr. L. B. and Mrs. R. have
arrived at Alhambra, and hope to
reach Saigon to-day.

M. Stark, the new Soviet Am-
bassador to Afghanistan, has pre-
sented his credentials.

The Rev. Canon B. H. Streeter left
the Colony on Saturday by the s.s.
"Malwa," returning to England.

The death is announced, at Mont-
gomery, Alabama, of Federal Judge
Clayton, author of the Clayton
Anti-Trust Act.

Surg-Lt. J. D. Beyer, R.N., was
among the passengers who sailed
from Hong Kong on the s.s. "Malwa"
on Saturday.

A Chinese man was at the Kow-
loon Magistrate's on Saturday charged
with overcrowding 18 chickens in
baskets; eight in each of two small
baskets. The cruelty was aggravated
by the fact that the birds were
tied by their feet in pairs. Defend-
ant was fined \$5.

Mrs. F. C. Jenkin, wife of the local
barrister, left for Home by the s.s.
"Malwa" on Saturday, accompanied
by her daughter.

Mr. A. Anderson of the Port Devel-
opment, P.W.D., went on "Home"
leave by the P. and O. s.s. "Malwa"
which sailed on Saturday.

Upon withdrawing his brief as
plaintiff, counsel for Mrs. Fogarty
stated that the latter desired to
withdraw her suit against Gene
Tunney.

The French Chamber has adopt-
ed a Bill providing for the financial
year henceforth to begin on April
1 (which is the same as Britain)
instead of January 1.

Sydney, Yesterday. — The Chief
Justice, Sir Adrian Knox, has
signed the summons directing an
appeal against the Beeby Coal Award.
The case will come up before the High
Court on Monday. — Reuter.

On conviction of the theft of four
iron bars from a contractor's shed
in Waterloo Road, a Chinese was at
the Kowloon Magistrate's to-day
sentenced to one month's hard la-
bour.

The Judge in Chambers has as-
sented to an appeal for the release
on bail of Albert Edward Tabor,
one of the four defendants in the
Hutry case. Tabor has been re-
leased, the bail being fixed at
\$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tomes are
revisiting the Colony after a long
absence. Mr. Tomes was an
original partner in Shewan Tomes
and Co. Mrs. Tomes is a sister of
the veteran cricketer Mr. Richard
Hancock.

Admission tickets for the
Schools to the New Territories
Agricultural Show can now be
obtained on application by the
Principal or Headmaster to Mr.
J. D. Bush, Hon. English Secretary.
P.O. Box 71.

That the theft of iron bars is
getting too common was the remark
made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at
the Kowloon Magistrate's on Sat-
urday when he sentenced a Chinese to
one month's hard labour for stealing
six bars from a contractor at Bound-
ary Street near the No. 8 Railway
Bridge.

To-morrow Messrs. A. S. Watson
& Co., Ltd., will be open until 7 p.m.
on Wednesday and Thursday all
departments will be closed, except
the dispensing department of the
Hong Kong Dispensary which will
be open for dispensing prescriptions
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6
p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

We are informed that an auction
sale of surplus costumes will be held
from the Stage after the final per-
formance of "The Geisha" to-night.
Takemini will conduct the auction
with "Wun-hi" as his clerk, and it
is anticipated that there will be
considerable "back-chat" between
them.

Sentence of three months' hard
labour was passed on a Chinese at
the Kowloon Magistrate's on Sat-
urday for the larceny of a quantity of
iron-ware the property of a stall-
holder in Man Ming Lane, Mongkok.
It was stated that the defendant
had just served a sentence of one
month in jail for theft.

With two previous convictions
against him, an unemployed Chinese
was at the Kowloon Magistrate's
on Saturday sentenced to four months'
hard labour for stealing a jersey
which was hung up in a shop in Pak
Tai Street while its owner was
having sweet drinks. Accused was
captured by a Sanitary Inspector
who saw him running away, with
the complainant after him.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, D.C.L.,
one of the Judges of the Perma-
nent Court of International Justice,
passed through the Colony on Sat-
urday on board the "Hakusan Maru"
en route to Shanghai. During his
lengthy stay in Europe in connec-
tion with the Hague Conference
Dr. Wang visited London on sev-
eral occasions on diplomatic mis-
sions.

The case involving the unlawful
possession of seditious papers and
pamphlets by a Chinese motor truck
driver, at Temple Street was again
mentioned at the Kowloon Magis-
trate's on Saturday when the hearing
was fixed for next Saturday morn-
ing. Detective Sergeant J. O'Dono-
van has charge of the case, while
the accused is defended by Mr.
Horace Lo. Bail of \$250 was given.

While the train which left Fan-
ling at 5.55 p.m. yesterday, bring-
ing hundreds of race-goers back
from the steeply ascending slopes
was approaching Shatin, trouble
developed in the engine, and the
train stopped for about twenty
minutes. The trouble was eventu-
ally corrected, but the engine had
for some time proceeded at a very
low speed. The train arrived at
Kowloon about half an hour late.

Amongst the passengers who sailed
for Home on the P. and O. s.s.
"Malwa" on Saturday was Mr. G. P.
Honey, A.M.I.C.E., Civil Engineer of
the Naval Establishments. He
was accompanied by Mrs. Honey and
their two daughters.

A Carol Service was held in St.
Andrew's Church, Kowloon yester-
day during evensong. Several
well-known carols were sung, and
Miss F. McGill rendered "Nazareth"
as a solo. Mr. Rupert Baldwin,
A.T.C.L., was at the organ, while
the Rev. E. A. Armstrong preached.

Kong Kwan and Kong Sam, both
opium smokers, were at the Kow-
loon Magistrate's this morning be-
fore Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith charged
with returning before their banish-
ment terms of 5 years, imposed in
1925, had expired. According to
the Police the defendants came down
in company and were arrested in
the Taun Wan village. Sentence of
eight months' hard labour on each
was passed.

R.M.S.P. DIVIDENDS

5 Per Cent. Interest On Debentures

London, Yesterday.
The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.
announce an interest of 4½ and 5 per
cent. on debentures, payable as usual
on January 1, 1930. The position as
regards half yearly dividends and pre-
ferences remains as on December 11.
— Reuter.

A trade facilities loan of
£2,550,000 to the R.M.S.P. Meat
Transport, which the R.M.S.P. have
guaranteed, is repayable in the
autumn of 1930, and, as public at-
tacks have at present rendered the
issue impracticable, application is to
be made for an extension of the
period of repayment. Suspension of
dividends, meanwhile, has been decid-
ed in order to conserve cash re-
sources. There has recently been a
very severe fall in R.M.S.P. stocks.

"PURE EXTORTION"

Moneylender — Who Charged 10 Per Cent.

Accepting the borrowers' version, the
Pulans Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) told
a Sikh moneylender in the Supreme
Court (Summary Jurisdiction) this
morning that it was "pure extortion"
to charge 10 per cent. instead of the
four per cent. (actually two per cent.
on double the principal) stipulated.
Plaintiff was Jassa Singh, of the
Roya Factory, Kennedy Town. Defend-
ants were two Chinese chauffeurs.
The claim was for \$100 principal and
\$18 interest for nine months.
His Lordship decided that the prin-
cipal was \$50, that the interest (four
per cent. for ten months) was \$20, that
defendants had paid \$35, and he there-
fore gave judgment for \$35 only.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY

In Unlawful Possession Of Chinese

Two Chinese of Kowloon, Tsai,
one a gardener, were charged at the
Kowloon Magistrate's this morning
before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with the
unlawful possession of 63
catties of green shrubbery, consist-
ing of litsea and ixora chinensis
("holly") at Kowloon Tong.

The defendants who admitted
possession, stated that they had
come from Tai Po Market where they
had paid for it at a stall.
Mr. J. J. Hirst, Assistant Super-
visor of the Botanical and Forest-
ry Department informed His
Worship that they took great care
to preserve these plants specially
the "holly," which was very rare
in the Colony. The litsea bark the
Chinese used as medicine, and
was of great value.

Inspector Phillips pointed out
that the bunch of chinensis in the
Court would cost about \$1.50 in
Flower Street.

The defendants said that they
brought it in to sell for Christ-
mas.
His Worship held that there
must be much of this stealing go-
ing on as Christmas was so close
at hand. He fined the men \$10
with the alternative of two weeks'
hard labour.

XMAS CAROLS

ST. ANDREW'S PARTY TO TOUR THE PARISH

The St. Andrew's Church Carol
party, under Mr. R. Baldwin,
A.T.C.L., will tour the Parish to-
night and to-morrow night (Christ-
mas Eve). Intending carollers are
asked to be at the Church Hall by
8 p.m. each night. The tour will
last until 10.30 or 11 o'clock, when
all the singers will be regaled in
the Hall with refreshments.

Swarajists in Bengal have divid-
ed into two bitterly opposed parties.
Mr. Sen Gupta is at the head of a
new party called the "Congress
Unionists" which will oppose Mr.
Subha Bose now in command of the
Congress funds and machinery. A
boycott of the Round Table Confer-
ence and the Whitley Commission
was decided upon by the Bombay
Provincial Congress Committee.

LOCAL WEDDINGS

Swiss Couple Married At St. Joseph's

BOUGON—HANNEMANN

The wedding took place at St.
Joseph's Church, Garden Road, on
Saturday afternoon (the Rev. Frs.
Bistreau and Riganli officiating) of
Dr. Eloi Bougon of Hong Kong, son
of Dr. Bougon, and Miss Marinette
Hannemann, daughter of Mr. Paul
Hannemann of Lausanne, Switzer-
land, who recently arrived in the
Colony.

The bride was given away by Mr.
G. Gavielle, and Mr. C. Arnulphy
performed the duties of best man.
After the ceremony a reception
was held at 12, The Peak, follow-
ing which Mr. and Mrs. Bougon
sailed for Manila where the honey-
moon will be spent at Baguio.

HANKIN—BANKS

The wedding took place at St.
Joseph's Church, Garden Road on
Saturday, of Miss Florence Banks,
B.A., of the Raffles Girls' School,
Singapore, and of Holme Slack
Farm, Preston, Lancashire, Eng-
land, only daughter of Mr. G. A.
Banks, Municipal Housing Director,
Preston, and Mr. Edward John
Hankin, Master Mariner of Messrs.
Butterfield and Swire, second son
of Mr. E. J. Hankin of Bourne-
mouth, England.

The ceremony was performed by
the Rev. Fr. A. Riganli.

The bride who was given away
by Mr. D. Bishop, M.A., of Raffles
Boys' School, Singapore, was
charmingly attired in a dress of
beige georgette and carried a
bouquet of red carnations.

She was attended by Mrs. Bishop
as Matron of Honour. Mr. S. Steele
supported the bridegroom as best
man. Mendelssohn's "Wedding
March" was played on the organ.

Following the ceremony, a recep-
tion was held at the Helena May
Institute where many friends drank
the toast of the happy couple.

Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Hankin
left for Cheung Chau where the
honeymoon will be spent. The
bride's going away dress was of
blue crepe de Chine.

SMUGGLERS CAUGHT

Tobacco & Wine In A Junk

"The second defendant is tre-
mendously strong," said Detective
Sergeant Humphreys at the Kow-
loon Magistrate's to-day when two
Chinese junk men were charged
with the unlawful possession of
14 lb. of Chinese tobacco, and 3½
gallons of Chinese wine, on which
duty had not been paid.

Sergeant Humphreys stated that
the stuff was concealed all over
the ship, and when the raid was
made the second defendant put up
a fight, and split a good deal of
wine into the harbour from one
of the five gallon jars. The junk
had been engaged by the Kwong
Wah Hospital to take a consignment
of coffins over to Kowloon,
and as a side line the accused
thought they might smuggle to-
bacco and wine.

On the tobacco charge the ac-
cused were fined \$50 or one month
in default each, while on wine
charge a fine of \$20 with the op-
tion of 14 days' hard labour was
imposed.

LANDING POULTRY

Special Precautions By The Hon. C.S.P.

That the Hon. C.S.P. has ordered
special precautions to be taken for
the landing of poultry and pigs in
the Colony was the statement made
by Detective Sergeant Humphreys
at the Kowloon Magistrate's this
morning, when before Mr. T. S.
Whyte-Smith, three junk owners
were charged with cruelty to pigs.
According to the police the de-
fendants loaded about forty pigs in
each junk, and while doing so did
not provide matting in the crates,
thus causing a great deal of bleed-
ing among the pigs, which pro-
tended. The pigs noses were also
cut.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on each
defendant.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail"
December 23, 1919.]
To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 1½d.

Our J.P.s. All Right.—The child-
labour suggestion has been made elsewhere
that the Justices of the Peace in fail-
ing to elect a member of the Licensing
Board at the first opportunity, display-
ed a lack of public spirit. Something
was parroted about absence of "civic
consciousness" or second hand tool
that derivative order of "journalists"
The position is well understood by the
public. In Sir Henry May's time, an
important decision by the Licensing
Board was overridden by the Govern-
ment. Since then there has been, nat-
urally, less interest taken in the work.
The same objection arises in the case
of the Sanitary Board, which is con-
stantly thwarted and overridden by the
Government.

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WARWICK COMPANY'S
FAREWELLAPPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE AT
STAR THEATRE

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME

The Warwick Company gave their final performance at the Star Theatre last night.

Owing to illness Rex Durrell was not able to appear. Needless to say he was very much missed as he plays such an important part in the programme. It speaks volumes for the Company that they were able to carry on successfully without him. They have such an extensive repertoire that if a special turn falls they can always find another to put in its place.

Owing to alterations it was somewhat difficult to follow the programme, but we recognised some of the favourites played during the company's last visit.

That clever dancing turn with Barbara Wales as a mustachioed policeman and Guy Latham very close as the cook at the kitchen window was a popular number. Another charming dance scene was the "Fantasy" where the toymaker dreams that his dolls come to life. The dancers were delightful as the dolls, and Robert Pool sang very well as the toymaker.

A Happy Skits

One of the best skits was the "Photographers Studio" in which Enid Nicolson was particularly good as the maid. She is a versatile actress and has the special gift of seeming exactly suited to every part she undertakes. She was just as good as the "wife" in the typewriting scene, and Selwyn Driver and Gladys Voile excelled themselves as the author and the pseudo-typist and brought the house down as usual.

Robert Poole gave us several very charming songs. He has a smooth and lovely baritone and was heard with much pleasure. Enid Nicolson sang some of those quaint Scotch songs in her own inimitable way. She has a very attractive voice and manner. The accompaniments were perfection in the hands of Miss Jean Wells.

The Tango

Last but not least we had again that lovely and exotic Tango, danced by Guy Latham and his partners. They have many attractive dances in their repertoire, but none can touch the Tango! Barbara Wales never looks lovelier than she does in her Spanish yellow dress with its graceful swinging skirt. Guy Latham is a perfect dancing partner. Supple and strong, he lifts and carries her as if she were a feather. Of all the things the Warwick Company have given us, the Tango is the one we shall remember, long after they have gone! The Company sail for England on the "Malwa" on December 28. We wish them bon voyage. We hope they will not forget Hong Kong and that they will come back again some day.

—ACWO.

Barbara Weale's Dancing

At Saturday night's performance this company proved to be exceedingly capable and versatile. The dancing of Barbara Weale earned many encores from a moderate house (caused by the inclement weather). The outstanding item of the evening was a sketch, entitled "Will it come to this?" Gladys Voile as the "Modern Mother" excelled, and the young people were well represented by Enid Nicolson and Guy Latham. Selwyn Driver delighted the audience with his "Humorous Pianoforte," and also as the "distracted serial writer."

RUSSIAN CLUB

Successful Opening In
Kowloon

The Russian Cultural Association officially commenced its career on Saturday night, when an informal "At Home" was held at the premises, 8, Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon; being attended by nearly forty members and guests. The President received the latter, who included Mr. Robinson, of Kowloon Cricket Club, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Popoff, Miss Kelly, Mrs. Carey, Captain Legge, and others. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The Club, which owes its existence to the practical efforts of M. Korotkiy and M. M. Vaillo, has very pleasant premises and should grow considerably in the near future, since the Russian community in the Colony is quite numerous. It is noteworthy that a large engraving of His Majesty King George V. hangs in the place of honour in the reading room. Other portraits include those of the late Emperor Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra.

DAWN ASSHETON &
TAGORESINGER WINS A GREAT
TRIBUTE

AN INDIAN AUDIENCE

Dawn Assheton, the premier coloratura soprano and famed folk-song interpreter, tells a very interesting story of her visit to the University conducted by Tagore, India's great poet.

"Of all the bizarre settings for a concert, that was the most picturesque. Squatting about the venerable old poet sat the Professors. Behind them were grouped his devoted students. I opened the programme with an operatic aria that never fails to win the heartiest applause. When I sang the last note for a few moments there was silence. I thought nothing strange of it, for every artist knows that this breathless silence usually precedes a sudden outbreak of applause. This proved the exception to the rule, and I began to feel much worried. Every fraction of a second seemed like eternity. It never occurred to me before what a cruel punishing power is hidden in silence.

Frantic thoughts flashed through my mind trying to reason out why the deadly silence? At last I regained my presence of mind, bowed and made an exit. The violin solos played by Laszlo Schwartz and the brilliant piano solos fared no better. We looked at one another dumbfounded and hardly a word was spoken in the artists' room. From then on I waited for but one thing—the end of the concert. To refrain from a total breakdown I became absorbed in the rhythmic wriggling of hundreds of toes of my barefooted audience, but soon I found that it was all I could do to refrain from laughing aloud. At last the end. Then Tagore came to us and expressed his appreciation in words so deep-felt and sincere that I became more dumbfounded than ever. Finally I dared to ask him why the killing silence? He smiled and assured me that it was the greatest tribute a cultured Hindu audience could pay to our art.

Dawn Assheton and Laszlo Schwartz will be heard at the Hong Kong Hotel Boxing Day and at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday.

VILMA BANKY

First Time In A Talkie
Picture

Vilma Banky's voice is heard for the first time on the speaking screen in "This Is Heaven" her newest starring picture which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday. Samuel Goldwyn's "Hungarian Rhapsody" is one of the few foreign born picture stars to be able to keep her place in the screen firmament in this day of talking pictures. Stage training in Vienna before she came to this country and a naturally beautiful speaking voice combine to make her dialogue performances more than satisfactory.

Most of the cast supporting Miss Banky in "This Is Heaven" have had stage experience. James Hall, leading man, is a product of the New York stage, and Fritz Ridgeway, with the most important character role of the picture, is a veteran of vaudeville and stock.

LLOYD'S "LAUGHOMETER"

After years of watching motion picture audiences react to screen comedies, Harold Lloyd has concluded that it is possible to measure the length, breadth, and thickness of merriment. For instance, some screen incidents are more comical than others, so some means must be employed to measure them.

Harold Lloyd's titillation table is as follows:

Four smiles—one titter.
Two titters—one giggle.
Five giggles—one equine giggle (Horse Laugh).
Two equine—one hyena laugh.
Three hyenas—one snort.
Three snorts—one howl.
Two howls—one scream.
Twelve screams—hysteria.
Two hysterics—Knock 'em dead.

At least one or maybe two hysterics are due for patrons attending the Majestic Theatre when they will see Harold Lloyd in "Speedy" tomorrow and during the rest of the week.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER

The "Baltic" left Singapore for this port on December 21, p.m., and is due here on December 24, a.m.

A reduction of 20 per cent. in the cost of fuel for motors, together with an increase of the power, is reported to be secured by means of a gas regulator, invented by Mr. Ernest R. Godward, son of a London firm.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
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Social Functions

To-day—Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club, Second Annual Exhibition; open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission free.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Repulse Bay Hotel Christmas Eve Carnival, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Chief and Petty Officers' Recreation Room, H.M. Dockyard, Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Dec. 26—Boxing Day Carnival at Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

Jan. 6—St. George's Ball.

Jan. 10—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Broadway Melody."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Gate Crasher."

To-day—At Theatre Royal "The Gelsa," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre, "Harold Lloyd Comedies."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The World at Her Feet," and the Magicians.

Meeting

To-day—Sanitary Board meeting, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Jan. 4—New Territories Agricultural Show, at Shek Wu Hui (near Sheung Shui Railway Station).

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 855 and 49 metres:—

5-6 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. and Victor Records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

"Lido Lady"—Selection (Rodgers), Savoy Orpheans.

"The Blind Ploughman" (Marguerite Radcliffe-Hall-Robert G. Clarke), "Oh could I but express in song" (Malashkin), Feodor Chalapin.

"Indian Love Call" (Harbach-Hammerstein-Friml), (Dorothy Donnelly-Sigmund Romberg).

"Now sleeps the Crimson Petal" (Quilter), "I know of two bright Eyes" (Clutnam), Derek Oldham.

"Pirates of Penzance"—Selection (Sullivan), "Solitude"—Selection, The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The old sweet song" (Arr. Kelp), "Love's Dream" (Arr. Esely), Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham.

"Henry VIII. Dances" (Edward German), New Symphony Orchestra.

"If you were mine" (Myers), "Am I Blue" (Aksel), Anona Winn.

"Jolly Fellows"—Waltz (Volstead), "Amoureux"—Waltz (Berger), International Novelty Orchestra.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-8 p.m.—Weather Report.

9 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. and Victor Records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

"Ziegfeld Folies Medley"—Parts 1 & 2 (Irving Berlin), Nat. Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.

"Sea Songs"—Victor Mixed Chorus, "War Songs"—Victor Male Chorus.

"I kiss your hand, Madam" (Erwin), "Up in the Clouds" (Five O'clock Girl)—Ruby.

"Andantino" (Lemare), Austin Egan, Baritone.

"Traumerei" (Schumann), Edwin H. Lemare.

Dance—Music.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL
6th January, 1930.

MEMBERS are requested to send in their applications for Tickets to the Ball as soon as possible to Mr. S. T. BUTLIN, Hon. Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY thank the anonymous donor for the splendid gift of blankets which will be greatly appreciated this cold weather.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of December, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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RAILWAY BRIDGE BLOWN UP

Chengchow, Saturday.
The general H.Q. of Tang Seng-chi are established at Ho-shang-chiao (Monk Bridge). His troops are concentrated along Hsuehchang and are reported to be surrounded by the National troops. It is anticipated that the trouble will be settled very shortly.

Prior to his departure from Chengchow, Tang Seng-chi ordered the destruction of the railway bridge at Hei-shih-kuan to impede the advance of General Wan Suen-chol; the communications between Chengchow and Loyang are consequently interrupted.

The main body of the Hupoh loyal troops have arrived at Singyang, with the vanguards at Ming-kang. The units of Tang Seng-chi who are now stationed between Chengchow and Hsuehchang, have torn off the tracks of several stations on Kin-Han line.

The Shantung Troops
Peking, Friday.
Mr. Koo Ten-fah, the delegate of General Yen Hsi-shan, arrived at Peking on December 19, to consult with General Feng Ping-yen on the expedition against Tang Seng-chi.

A portion of Shantung troops have been transferred to station at Lin-cheng on the Tientsin-Pukow line, and are likely to be despatched to the Lung-Hai Railway to operate against the rebels.

Shanghai, Friday.
Upon the arrival of General Liu Shih at Singyang on the Kin-Han line, a conference was held between Generals Hsia Tzu-yen, Chiang Ting-wan and Chan Cheng. The decision arrived at was that Generals Hsia and Chiang are to command the front line, and that a general offensive will be opened against the rebels at Yencheng, Hsuehchang, Singyang and Chengchow so soon as General Hsu Yuan-chuen has arrived with his forces at Linyu, Tengfeng and Mhsien.

The Left Wing
Loyang, Friday.
The left wing of General Yang Chih is pushing forward along the Lung-Hai line; his vanguards who arrived at Kungshien on December 18, are now advancing towards Fanshui and Yangyang; his right wing is moving from Yuchang to attack Hsuehchang.

General Chiang Ting-wen captured Chumai on the 18th, while the rebels retreated to Yenchang.
Tang Seng-chi, whose troops were concentrated at Hsuehchang on the 17th, had intended to retreat westward, but this plan was given up, as Tangkwan was guarded by Shansi and National troops.

To Prevent Junction
Shanghai, Saturday.
In order to prevent the troops of Tang Seng-chi from effecting a junction with the Kuominchun, General Yang Chih sent his forces to Linyu on December 17, with orders to capture the place.

West River Traffic
The main body of Tang Seng-chi's troops have evacuated Hsuehchang and are heading for the north of Anhwei province.

West River Traffic
The 8th Army Route having occupied Wuchow on the 19th, notices have been issued to steamship companies to resume traffic to and from Wuchow. It is learned that steamers and towboats on the Canton-Wuchow run will commence to operate to-day.

Canton-Shikuan Railway
According to information from Yuet-Han Railway Administration, passenger and freight traffic from Canton to Shikuan will re-open to-day.—Canton News Agency.

"RED" MONGOLS

Mukden, Yesterday.
The importance of the Young Mongols independence movement is growing. It is reported they are carrying "Red" emblems, wear uniforms, and are armed with rifles.—Reuter.

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NORTHERN WAR

Shansi Troops Join Against The Rebels

Nanking, Saturday.
Minister Chao Tai-wen wired on December 17 to Nanking that General Chu Shu-chiang, at the head of 4 divisions of Shansi troops, has arrived with 2 divisions at Singyang, a district on the Kin-Han Line, North of Honan, while the two remaining divisions are following on. The participation of the Shansi troops against the rebels has been confirmed.

A New Link

Peking, Saturday.
General Chang Hsueh-liang has given full support to General Yen Hsi-shan's draft telegram, denouncing the rebels, which will very soon be circulated.

After his revolt, General Tang Seng-chi, finding that he is not supported by General Yen Hsi-shan, has led his troops from Hsuehchang to the Lung-Hai Line in order to occupy Loyang to link up with the Kuominchun, and from Chengchow and Kaifeng to the East to combine with Generals Han Fu-kui and Shih Yu-san.

Tax Payments

It will be remembered that at the time of the recent trouble, the Central Bank notes depreciated to such an extent that the Government had to pass a regulation, compelling the payment of all taxes in the ratio of 80 per cent. in coins and 20 per cent. in notes. In order to maintain the value of notes, the local financial authorities have, it is learned, proposed to collect all taxes in the ratio of 70 per cent. in coins and 30 per cent. in notes, as from January 1, 1930. This proposal will be put into effect as soon as it is passed by the Provincial Council.—Canton News Agency.

WAR STILL RAGES

Generals To Fight The "Trouble Makers"

Peking, Yesterday.
Yen Hsi-shan's long-awaited circular telegram outlining this policy was issued to-day. It is signed by Yen Hsi-shan, Chang Hsueh-liang and a number of other Generals.

The signatories state that they have advocated demobilisation, despite all difficulties and hazards, but the storm of war continues to rage. The Reorganisationists have availed themselves of the opportunity to "fish in troubled waters" for their own advantage.

"If we look on, strife will spread throughout China, therefore we swear to support the Central Government, and the unification of the nation. We will co-operate with the Government to fight the trouble makers, despite our love of peace, and dislike of fighting."

It is understood that Yen Hsi-shan has been granted control of all the armies north of the Yangtze.—Reuter.

CHIANG TO RESIGN?

A Critical Review Of His Actions

Peking, Saturday.
This morning's papers print the text of what is alleged to be a letter from Feng Yu-shiang to Chiang Kai-shek, dated December 12, wherein the Kuominchun leader critically reviews Chiang's actions for the past two years. He winds up by calling on Chiang to resign. "Your resignation would be a blessing to the nation," he says.

In the meantime vernacular papers declare that the Kuominchun is again marching eastwards, occupying Loyang without resistance.

Yen Hsi-shan's expected statement of his position still hangs fire, but if true, reports from Taiyuanfu appear to show that Yen is definitely for the Government, for it is stated that Feng recently attempted to leave Chienan, but guards held up his car, and asked his destination.

Feng stated he had an important interview with Yen, whereupon the guards telephoned to Taiyuan, and learned the statement was not true. They escorted Feng back to his house. However, this report is at present unconfirmed.—Reuter.

ITALIAN ART

Great Exhibition In London

Rugby, Yesterday.
The transport of masterpieces, which have been assembled at Burlington House, London, for next month's exhibition of Italian art, has been effected without a hitch. Most of the works have come from Italy, but a considerable number is drawn from private and other galleries in England and Scotland and from America, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Hungary, and France. They have all arrived without a scratch.

An attractive feature of the exhibition will be the series of lectures delivered weekly by leading art authorities during January and February. There will also be three series of musicals, illustrative of the most important styles of Italian music from the 16th century to the present time. Lectures and soirees in conjunction with the exhibition itself will form a comprehensive commentary on Italian art.—British Wireless Service.

The Earl of Harrington was fatally injured through being thrown while hunting with his own pack of hounds at Holbrook, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—
Bank, wire 1/7 1/2
Bank, on demand 1/7 11/16
Bank, 80 days' sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/8 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight 1/8 1/2
On Paris—
On demand 101 7/8
Credits, 4 months' sight 102 1/2
On Berlin—
On demand
On New York—
On demand 40
Credits, 80 days' sight 41 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 109 1/2
On demand 109 1/2
On Calcutta—
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On demand 109 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 70 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 80
On Shanghai—
On demand 75 1/2
30 day sight (arriving)
On Yokohama—
On demand 81 1/2
Gold Loan 100 days

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 23rd December, 1929.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Quotations	Dividend	When Paid
Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	1820	Dec. (Int. of 2 1/2 a/o 1929 at 1/111-1/112)	Aug. 6, 29
Chartered Bank	182	...	...
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	182	...	...
Bank of Asia	182	...	...
Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	605	...	...
Union Ins.	338	...	...
China Underwriters	320	...	...
China Fire Ins.	310	...	...
H. K. Fire Ins.	315	...	...
Shipping.					
Douglases	252	...	...
H. K. Steamships	271	...	...
Indo-China (Pref.)	46	...	...
Shell Transports	35/	...	...
Union Waterboats	32	...	...
Mining.					
Benguet	470 X.D.	...	...
Kailan Mining Ad. S.	55/	...	...
Langkat (Con.)	18.60	...	...
Shanghai Exploration	1.80	...	...
Loans	5	...	...
Raub	11.50	...	...
Tronoh Mines	31/	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & W. Wharves	140	...	...
H. K. & W. Docks	321	...	...
China Provident	5.40	...	...
Hongkong	190	...	...
N. Engineering	71	...	...
Shanghai Docks	100	...	...
Cotton Mills.					
Ewo Cottons	142	...	...
Shai Cotton (old)	74	...	...
Shai Cotton (new)	47	...	...
Zong Sing	0.10	...	...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H.K. & S. Hotels	111	...	...
H. K. Lands	631	...	...
Shanghai Lands	161	...	...
Humphreys	141	...	...
H. K. Realities	3	...	...
Chinese Estates	38	...	...
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	18.50	...	...
Peak Tram (old)	111	...	...
Peak Tram (new)	6.05	...	...
Star Ferries	601	...	...
Ch. Light (old)	17.50	...	...
Ch. Light (new)	17.50	...	...
H. K. Electric	351	...	...
Macao	23	...	...
Sandakan Lights	21	...	...
H.K. Telephones	7.85	...	...
China Buses	161	...	...
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	101	...	...
S'pore Traction (Pref.)	191	...	...
Industrials.					
China Sugars	30 c.	...	...
Malayan Sugars	27	...	...
Cald. Mag. Ord.	11	...	...
Canton Ice	21	...	...
Cement (comb.)	181	...	...
Cement (old)	101	...	...
H. K. Ropes	8.20	...	...
United Alabaster	71	...	...
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farms	201	...	...
Watsons	13	...	...
Der A Wings	80 c.	...	...
Lanc. Crawfords	1.85	...	...
Mackintosh	18	...	...
Sincores	12	...	...
Win. Porells	21	...	...
Miscellaneous.					
H.K. Amusement Pref.	281	...	...
H. K. Constructions	1.80	...	...
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	60%	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	41%	...	...

(per 100)		
Sovereigns (Bank's)	...	98.25
Berlin	...	20.88
Silver (per oz.)	...	11.29
Bar Silver in Hong	...	22.1/16
Kong	...	8% prem.
Copper Cash	...	Nominal
Copper Cents	...	3% prem.
Rate of Native Inter.	...	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	...	22 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	...	1 1/2% prem.
LONDON EXCHANGES		
London, Saturday	...	125.63
Paris	...	438.5/8
New York	...	24.81 1/2
Brussels	...	25.01 1/2
Geneva	...	121.0 1/2
Amsterdam	...	121.0 1/2
Milan	...	98.25
Berlin	...	20.88
Stockholm	...	18.09 1/2
Copenhagen	...	18.10 1/2
Oslo	...	18.10 1/2
Vienna	...	34.67
Prague	...	144.4
Helsinki	...	194.4
Madrid	...	85.24
Lisbon	...	108.4
Athens	...	87.5
Bucharest	...	81.7
Rio	...	44.2
Buenos Aires	...	44.2
Sao Paulo	...	44.2
Shanghai	...	125.63
Hong Kong	...	125.63
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Singapore	...	125.6

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

Saturday's Results in Leagues

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
London, Saturday.

Interest in football to-day centred in a full programme of English and Scottish League matches. Results:—

Division I.	
Birmingham	3 Sunderland
Blackburn	1 Manchester C.
Huddersfield	0 Bolton
Leicester	4 Burnley
Liverpool	1 Arsenal
Manchester U.	3 Leeds
Middlesbrough	2 Portsmouth
Newcastle	2 Derby
Sheffield U.	2 Everton
West Ham	5 Aston Villa
Grimby v. Wednesday	match postponed.

Goals.	
M'chester C.	19 12 4 3 31 28
Derby	20 11 4 4 40 35
Wednesday	18 11 3 4 44 25
Aston Villa	20 11 3 6 46 37
Leeds	20 10 2 8 39 29
Middlesbrough	20 10 2 8 46 34
Liverpool	20 9 4 7 32 37
West Ham	20 8 5 7 42 36
Bolton	20 8 4 8 33 34
Leicester	20 8 4 8 39 40
Sheffield U.	20 8 3 9 38 43
Arsenal	20 8 3 9 34 29
Burnley	20 8 3 9 42 44
Huddersfield	20 7 4 9 27 33
Birmingham	20 7 4 9 37 34
Everton	20 7 4 9 34 38
Portsmouth	20 7 4 9 32 37
Blackburn	20 6 5 9 40 46
Newcastle	20 7 1 12 38 51
Sunderland	19 5 4 10 24 37
Grimby	19 5 4 10 32 47

Division II.	
Barnsley	2 Bradford C.
Blackpool	3 Swansea
Bradford	0 Wolves
Bury	4 Cardiff
Chelsea	5 Preston N.E.
Millwall	3 Reading
Notts Forest	5 Bristol C.
Oldham	2 Notts County
Southampton	2 Charlton
Tottenham	2 Hull
West Brom.	2 Stoke

Goals.	
Blackpool	19 15 1 3 37 31
Oldham	19 12 4 3 44 23
Wolves	21 10 5 6 41 33
Bradford	20 10 4 6 39 34
Chelsea	20 10 4 6 36 34
Bury	20 11 2 6 42 34
Cardiff	20 11 3 8 42 39
Southampton	20 9 4 7 43 39
Charlton	20 7 7 6 30 30
West Brom.	20 8 4 7 48 34
Hull	20 8 4 7 38 34
Stoke	20 8 4 7 38 34
Notts For.	20 7 5 8 37 37
Tottenham	20 6 6 8 36 38
Reading	20 5 7 8 24 29
Notts C.	20 4 9 8 28 37
Bradford C.	20 5 6 9 32 38
Bristol C.	20 6 3 11 33 43
Preston	20 6 3 11 31 43
Millwall	20 6 3 11 31 43
Barnsley	20 10 5 10 26 34
Swansea	20 10 5 10 26 34

Division III. (South)	
Brentford	6 Walsall
Brighton	5 Fulham
Bristol R.	4 Queen's P.R.
Clapton O.	0 Bournemouth
Coventry C.	5 Luton
Merthyr	1 Gillingham
Newport	4 Exeter
Plymouth	6 Crystal Pal.
Swindon	2 Norwich
Torquay	0 Northampton
Watford	2 Southend

Goals.	
Plymouth	18 12 6 0 48 17
Brentford	18 12 3 8 40 27
Brighton	18 11 4 8 43 25
Northants	18 11 3 4 29 17
Bournemouth	17 8 7 2 34 19
Southend	18 7 7 4 31 27
Crystal P.	21 8 5 8 38 44
Coventry	18 9 3 11 33 43
Swindon	20 7 8 7 37 35
Fulham	18 8 4 6 29 31
Walsall	10 7 4 8 38 38
Queen's P.R.	17 5 8 4 22 25
Norwich	18 7 4 7 35 37
Exeter	18 5 5 8 31 34
Luton	18 5 5 8 31 34
Torquay	19 4 6 9 29 39
Watford	18 4 9 20 27 14
Clapton O.	18 2 9 7 16 27
Bristol R.	17 4 9 32 37 12
Newport	18 3 4 10 31 37
Gillingham	19 3 4 12 15 33
Merthyr	17 1 5 11 15 50

FAMOUS BILLIARDS CHAMPION

MR. H. W. STEVENSON MAY VISIT HONG KONG

AN EXHIBITION MATCH?

Mr. H. W. Stevenson, the billiards professional, is on a trip to the Far East and will include Hong Kong among the places to be visited. However, whether or not he will consent to give an exhibition whilst here will depend on his state of health, as the trip is being taken as the result of a breakdown, and he has been strictly advised not to play billiards.

When Mr. Stevenson visited Rangoon recently, however, he consented to play in an exhibition match there, so that the indications are that there is a chance of his being in action here. Much of course, will also depend on the length of his stay in the Colony.

He has planned to go on to Penang from Rangoon, from whence he will travel to Bangkok, through to China and Japan, returning via Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Mr. Stevenson has given exhibition matches in Hong Kong on more than one occasion already, and he is assured of an enthusiastic welcome by the entire sports-loving community of the Colony, who, it is to be hoped, will again have the opportunity of seeing the famous player once more in action with the ivory.

markable goal-keeping of Oppenheim, their score might easily have reached double figures.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Interport Trial	
Selected XI	1 Navy
Athletic	2 R.A.
Division I.	
Club	1 H.A.
Chinese "A"	0 S. China "A"
Chinese "B"	0 K.O.S.B.
Kowloon	1 Eastern
Ewo	1 Recrelo
Navy	7 University

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

Division I.	
Somerset	9 7 1 1 19 6 15
Athletic	9 6 2 1 19 5 14
K.O.S.B.	11 5 2 2 17 8 14
Navy	9 5 2 2 19 14 12
South China	8 5 1 2 18 17 11
Somerset	8 3 2 1 18 11 9
R.A.	10 4 1 5 16 15 9
Recrelo	8 2 1 5 9 18 5
St. Joseph's	9 2 0 7 8 28 4
Police	9 0 1 8 8 28 1

ASSOCIATION'S ACTION

Strong Measures Against Offending Players

The cases of several offences on the part of league football players have been investigated by the Hong Kong Football Association and action was taken as follows:—

T. Leonard of St. Joseph's Football Club suspended for two months for ungentlemanly conduct toward the referee during the South China v. St. Joseph's Senior Division game on November 16.

For misconduct in the match between Somerset and South China "B" (Junior Division fixture) on November 30, Verrier of the Somerset has been suspended for such time as the Emergency Committee of the Association call upon him to come up, he failing to put in an appearance at the meeting.

Chung Ching-yang, reported for dangerous play, whilst playing for Ewo against St. Joseph's in a Junior Division game on November 2, has been cautioned.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT FANLING

SHEWAN DEFEATS MARTON IN 36 HOLES FINAL

WINNER'S FINE RECOVERY

Two down with only four holes to go, I. W. Shewan did each of the last four of 36 holes in one under bogey to defeat O. E. C. Marton in the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship yesterday at Fanling.

The bitterly cold wind numbed the finalists' hands but both men played fine golf, auguring well for Hong Kong's prospects in the Interport at China New Year.

A Critical Moment

Marton led all the way and deserves sympathy. Shewan rose to the occasion at the critical moment, playing at his best—without any falling off in Marton's form—and pulled the game out of the fire. Marton's lead never exceeded three holes. He was two up after the first nine holes in the morning; again two up at the end of the first round; still two up at the turn in the afternoon; and two up at the 32nd. Doing each hole in one under bogey, Shewan won the 33rd and 34th to become all square, took the lead for the first time at the 35th and won by two up at the 36th.

The match was, necessarily, full of interest all the way. Scores:—

Morning	
Out	5 5 4 3 5 5 3 4 4 38
In	4 6 3 4 4 4 6 4 5 40
Marton	78

Out	4 5 3 4 4 4 3 4 5 36
In	4 5 4 4 6 5 4 5 4 41
Shewan	77

Afternoon	
Out	4 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 39
In	4 4 4 5 4 4 3 4 8 35
Marton	74

Out	4 5 2 4 4 6 3 4 5 37
In	4 5 3 5 4 5 4 5 4 39
Marton	76

Totals: Shewan 78 and 74=152; Marton 77 and 76=153.

Shewan did the 35 holes in bogey figures. His score in 1926 when he defeated T. D. E. Pendered in the final and won the championship for the first time was 155. This is Marton's second season here and he has yet to annex the championship.

F. E. Remedios retained the championship of the Kowloon Golf Club by defeating D. C. Wilson yesterday, at Kowloon, by 10 up and 9 to play in a 36 holes match.

Adverse conditions also prevailed here. The holder was consistent, while Wilson was benumbed and erratic.

Remedios did the first nine holes in 39 and was four up. He was another four up at the end of the first round; the second nine holes, having taken 37 strokes, his score for the round was 76. Wilson only won the 18th hole. Remedios also took the first two holes after 18th but Wilson holed out in five (to the winner's six) at the Burnside. At the 27th Remedios became 10 up and the match ended there.

Fanling Bogey Pool

The following are the results of the bogey pool at Fanling played on December 21 and 22:

Lieut. A. H. Alexander, all square—wins.

Other Scores: H. U. Ireland—2 down, J. L. Shellshear—4 down. There were 29 entries.

Prisoners condemned in Russia to not less than three years' imprisonment are to be "handed over to the OGPU," who will send them to special labour camps.

A resolution calling for the resignation of the Bishop of Truro for using the Deposited Prayer Book was presented at Bishop's Palace by a deputation from a meeting.



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LESSON-SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong

"Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, December 21.

The Golden Text was: "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (11 Cor. 4: 6).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Be ware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2: 8-10).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the "Christian Science text-book, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,' by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christian Science presents unfolded, not accretion; it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind, but an impartation of the divine Mind to man and the universe" (p. 68).

RELIGIOUS TRIAL

Soviet Charge Of Sedition

Moscow.—The trial of forty-two members of the religious sect of the Fyodorites charged with parading villages, singing the Tsarist hymn, inciting the peasants to resist the measures of the Soviet Government, and burning the houses of Soviet sympathisers, is proceeding at Voronezh.

The prosecution is attempting to establish a connection between the Fyodorites and another religious sect "Glorifying the Name," which existed in the North Caucasus, and fourteen of whose members were recently shot for alleged counter-revolutionary activity. The Fyodorites display intense religious fervour during the trial, often replying to questions with the familiar Russian Easter greeting, "Christ is Risen."

A delegation of peasants appeared in the court and requested death sentences on the leading Fyodorites and the expulsion of others from the Voronezh region.

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LAWN BOWLS

Annual Presentation Of
Cups And Prizes

AN ENJOYABLE GATHERING

[By "Short Head"]

The annual presentation of prizes at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday afternoon was preceded by the usual lawn bowls game. President V. Vice-President, the former winning by the very narrow majority of two shots.

Overcast and cold weather threatened to militate against the afternoon's programme, but the rain fortunately held off and it was found possible to play 16 heads on each rink. The play was quite keen and it was not until the last head was played that the result was known—a majority for the President to Gow "smothering" Chapman in a doubles game! The scores were as under:

President	Vice-President
Rodgers	Dobbie
Campbell	Hale
Brown	Bickford
Muir	Gibson
(skip) 12	(skip) 16
McIntosh	Ramsay
Brunch	Gray
Rapley	Whitely
Russell	Fraser
(skip) 21	(skip) 14
Gittens	Gray
Alves	Hale
Blackburn	Johnston
Gutierrez	Laurel
(skip) 13	(skip) 20
McDougall	Eccleshall
Phillips	Rose
Hogbin	Duncan
W. Macfarlane	(skip) 16
(skip) 14	Atkinson
Thompson	Goodman
Watson	Petherick
Guy	Nish
Warren	(skip) 12
(skip) 12	(skip) 16
West	Farrall
Gow	Chapman
(skip) 18	(skip) 6
Total 90	Total 88

At the end of an enjoyable and keen game, during an interval in which tea was served by the ladies connected with the Club, the company assembled around a table on which was an imposing array of prizes for lawn bowls and tennis. Before the presentation of prizes the President (Mr. D. F. Warren) addressed the gathering.

Presentation of Prizes
Mr. Warren then called upon Mrs. Nish, wife of the Vice-President, to distribute the prizes as follows:

Championship: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), W. Russell; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. J. Gibson), D. W. Phillips; 3rd prize, (presented by Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.), A. R. Whitley.

President's: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. D. F. Warren), C. Atkinson; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. B. Branch), L. Guy; 3rd prize, (presented by Mr. Russell), J. V. Ramsay.

Vice-President's: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. H. Nish), J. Gibson; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. S. Gray), J. C. Brown; 3rd prize, (presented by Mr. D. Muir), L. Guy.

Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, ("Galloway Prize") presented by Messrs. Russell, Nish, Bradford and Hunter), S. E. Eccleshall and D. W. Phillips; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. D. Keith), H. Nish and P. Young, husband.

Non-Prize Winners: 1st prize, (presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.), D. W. Phillips; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. W. Macfarlane), C. E. Stewart.

Handicap Singles: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. R. Lapsley), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. E. Duncan), L. Guy; 3rd prize, (presented by Mr. W. J. Kerr), A. R. Whitley.

Men's Championship: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. G. E. F. Thompson), G. Rodgers.

Men's Handicap Singles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), J. V. Ramsay.

Ladies' Handicap Singles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), Mrs. Cathill; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), Mrs. McCaw.

Ladies' Novices Singles: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. E. Hall), Mrs. Hogbin; 2nd prize, (presented by Major W. White, R.A.O.C.), Mrs. Thompson.

Men's Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers and E. W. L. Hogbin; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), W. E. Hale and F. V. Whitley.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), Mesdames McCaw and Thompson; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. D. Gow), Mesdames Hale and Hogbin.

Mixed Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), Mr. J. Rodgers and Mrs. Cathill; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), Mr. W. Brown and Mrs. McCaw.

HOCKEY MATCH

The following will represent the Kowloon Indian hockey team against Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday at 5 p.m. sharp at King's Park—Joginder Singh, Guruchan Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Awtar Singh (captain), Kalwant Singh, Khush Mohomed, Farid Khan, Karnail Singh, Atma Singh, M. A. Khan, Surjan Singh, reserves, Amir Khan, Ali Singh.

CRICKET

Fine Police Bowling
Against R.A.S.C.

NAVY WINS EASILY

The Royal Artillery had to postpone a League match against the Club de Recreio owing to their inability to field a team.

The slight fall of rain during Saturday afternoon effectively damped enthusiasm during many of the games which were played.

Col. Wyatt and B. S. M. Leach obtained the majority of the wickets of the Civil Service team for 81 runs, the batsmanship being very weak and obviously in need of improvement.

The Indian Recreation Club were unfortunate in their League match against the Navy. The light had become very bad at 5.15 p.m., when only a third of the team had been dismissed.

The R.A.S.C. were outclassed by the Police, who have taken all before them this season. Private Fry battled well against fast bowling, but his bowling did not reach the standard hitherto set up by him. Alexander and Baker, of the Police, excelled themselves in bowling.

League—Division I

The Army were entertained by the Civil Service C. C. at Happy Valley and a drawn game resulted after some interesting play was exhibited.

The Army	Civil Service C.C.
Major Crane, c Barrow, b Ling	8
Q.M.S. Leppard, b Ling	12
Capt. Reynolds, b Ling	13
Lt. Maxwell, b Hamilton	34
Col. Wyatt, b Baker	5
B. S. M. Leach, c Barrow, b Kelly	11
Lt. Cpl. Penn, not out	22
Capt. Davis, not out	7
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wickets)	121

Lt. Cpl. Merriman and Pte. Collins did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	9	0	31	0
Ling	9	3	24	3
Kelly	8	0	30	1
Baker	5	0	19	1
Hamilton	4	0	0	1

Civil Service C.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
De Rome, c Crane, b Wyatt	19	0	10	0
Richardson, c Crane, b Wyatt	10	0	10	0
Macdonald, b Wyatt	11	0	10	0
P. Baker, c Wyatt, b Leach	1	0	10	0
J. Barrow, b Leach	0	0	10	0
D. Kelly, b Wyatt	1	0	10	0
R. Paterson, c Collins, b Wyatt	9	0	10	0
T. H. Holdman, c & b Wyatt	0	0	10	0
J. Ling, stumped, b Crane	21	0	10	0
Hamilton, not out	0	0	10	0
E. B. Reed, not out	9	0	10	0
Extras	9	0	10	0
Total (for 9 wickets)	81	0	10	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Col. Wyatt	12	6	24	6
Major Crane	5	0	10	1
Leach	10	2	38	2

THE NAVY v. I.R.C.

The Navy drew with the Indian Recreation Club in a League match at Sookumpoo.

The Navy	I.R.C.
Lt. Wright, b A. R. Minu	42
Com. Stanley, c O. Ismail, b Curcum	6
Lt. Stephenson, b A. M. Rumjahn	27
Sq. Ldr. Bumphrey, run out	13
Sub. Lt. Glass, c A. Ismail, b A. R. Minu	13
Com. Baker, c K. Minu, b R. Minu	2
A. B. Laslett, c Curcum, b A. R. Minu	12
Lt. Cobb, run out	9
Sub. Lt. Mosely, not out	8
Eng. Lt. Bennett, not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for 8 wickets)	134

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. A. Curcum	0	1	18	1
A. R. Minu	13	1	37	4
A. H. Madar	12	4	16	0
A. A. Rumjahn	4	0	16	0
C. F. Doodha	1	0	11	0
A. K. Minu	3	0	18	0
A. M. Rumjahn	4	0	13	1

Indian R.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. H. Rumjahn, c & b Laslett	5	0	10	0
J. S. A. Curcum, b Laslett	5	0	10	0
A. H. Madar, c Laslett, b Bumphrey	18	0	10	0
A. A. Rumjahn, c Stephenson, b Laslett	4	0	10	0
A. R. Minu, b Bumphrey	0	0	10	0
C. F. Doodha, c Mosely, b Bumphrey	41	0	10	0
O. Ismail, c & b Bumphrey	0	0	10	0
A. K. Minu, c Laslett, b Bumphrey	5	0	10	0
S. A. Ismail, not out	11	0	10	0
A. el Arcull, not out	8	0	10	0
Extras	12	0	10	0
Total (for 8 wickets)	102	0	10	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Comdr. Baker	7	2	21	0
A. R. Laslett	18	4	20	0
Sq. Ldr. Bumphrey	11	8	27	0
Eng. Lt. Bennett	4	0	21	0
Sub. Lt. Glass	1	0	1	0

Indian R.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
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J. S. A. Curcum, b Laslett	5	0	10	0
A. H. Madar, c Laslett, b Bumphrey	18	0	10	0
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A. R. Minu, b Bumphrey	0	0	10	0
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A. A. Rumjahn, c Stephenson, b Laslett	4	0	10	0
A. R. Minu, b Bumphrey	0	0	10	0
C. F. Doodha, c Mosely, b Bumphrey	41	0	10	0
O. Ismail, c & b Bumphrey	0	0	10	0
A. K. Minu, c Laslett, b Bumphrey	5	0	10	0
S. A. Ismail, not out	11	0	10	0
A. el Arcull, not out	8	0	10	0
Extras	12	0	10	0
Total (for 8 wickets)	102	0	10	0

Friends—Division I

OVER 30 v. UNDER 30

The "juveniles" proved to be too tough for their "elders" when they met in a friendly Cricket match on the Hong Kong C.C. ground.

Under 30	Over 30
E. R. W.itchell, b Parker	14
Capt. Sillitoe, b Divett	17
T. Parker, b Parker	8
Duckitt, b Divett	46
Remington, run out	14

Relief, b Beck	63
Hepburn, not out	4
McKenzie, not out	2
Extras	10
Total (for 5 wickets)	174

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	15	2	69	2
Beck	7	2	24	1
Divett	8	2	39	2
Ashworth	2	0	7	0
Bowler	4	1	25	0
Over 30	5	0	25	0

Over 30	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moor, b Pearce	5	0	10	0
Armstrong, l.b.w., b Sillitoe	57	1	10	0
Hinton, c & b Reid	53	1	10	0
Parker, c Brown, b Reid	17	0	10	0
Bowler, not out	15	0	10	0
Divett, c Reid, b Sillitoe	10	0	10	0
Beck, b Sillitoe	0	0	10	0
Ashworth, c Collins, b Reid	12	0	10	0
Mills, b Sillitoe	0	0	10	0
Harris Walker, not out	6	0	10	0
Extras	5	0	10	0
Total (for 8 wickets)	150	0	10	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reid	15	2	72	3
Pearce	5	0	38	1
Duckitt	5	0	38	0
Sillitoe	5	0	27	4

K.C.C. v. THE UNIVERSITY	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. C. Fincher, c Gan, b Lam	32	0	10	0
W. C. Hung, run out	10	0	10	0
E. F. Fincher, b Lam	53	0	10	0
F. Zimmerer, c Normanbhoy, b Lam	2	0	10	0
W. Brace, b Samy	14	0	10	0
P. Goodwin, not out	41	0	10	0
A. T. Lee, c Normanbhoy, b Gittins	1	0	10	0
D. Laing, stp. Kermani, b Samy	13	0	10	0
Extras	13	0	10	0
Total (for 7 wickets)	180	0	10	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gittins	12	1	54	1
Lam	12	2	47	3
Samy	6	0	34	2
Caker	2	0	11	0
Ride	4	0	22	0

Hong Kong University	O.	M.	R.	W.
S. R. Kermani, c & b Brace	20	0	10	0
S. V. Gittins, c Laing, b Ross	14	0	10	0
E. A. Lee, c & b Goodwin	11	0	10	0
L. G. Ride, c & b Brace	11	0	10	0
D. K. Samy, b Lee	16	0	10	0
A. Rodriguez, c Goodwin, b Hung	10	0	10	0
K. P. Gan, c Goodwin, b Hung	5	0	10	0
A. Baker, b Hung	1	0	10	0
A. Normanbhoy, b Goodwin	0	0	10	0
C. W. Lam, not out	0	0	10	0
M. B. Osman, absent	0	0	10	0
Extras	6	0	10	0
Total	93	0	10	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hung	44	0	18	3
Ross	8	1	24	1
Goodwin	7	2	17	2
Brace	5	1	19	2
A. T. Lee	4	2	11	1
E. F. Fincher	2	0	0	0

H.M.S. CORNFLOWER v. H.M.S. MAGNOLIA	O.	M.	R.	W.
H.M.S. "Cornflower" easily defeated H.M.S. "Magnolia" in a friendly match on the Royal Naval Recreation ground.	4	0	10	0

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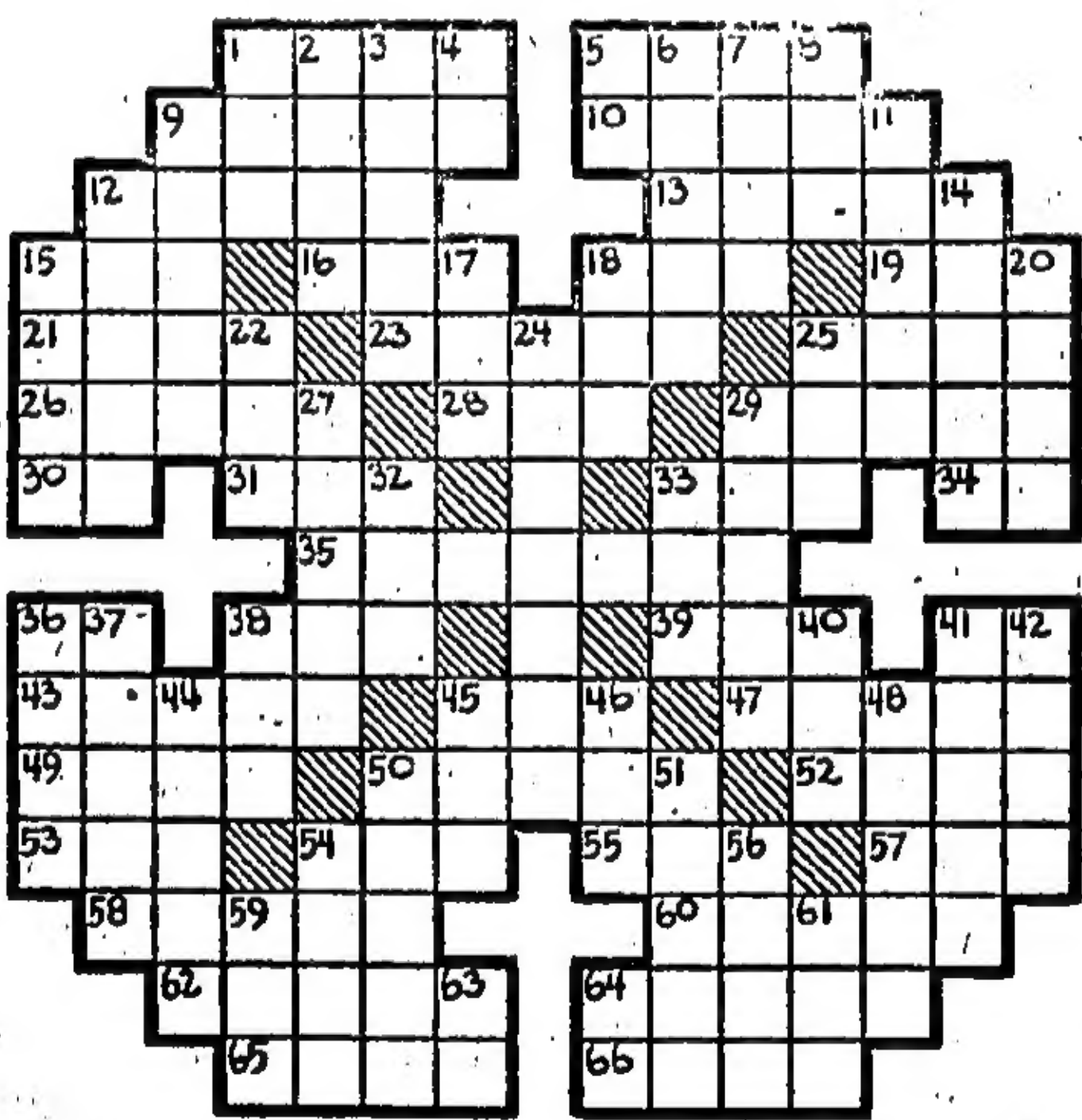
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plus, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Point of land projecting into water
- 5-Mimic
- 9-A dock
- 10-Girl's name
- 12-A dress material
- 13-Mocked
- 15-A fish
- 16-Of age (Latin-abbr.)
- 18-Fowl
- 19-Measure of length
- 21-Passage
- 22-Narcotic drugs
- 25-Small orifice in skin
- 26-Portended
- 28-Sweet potato
- 29-Famous French couplet
- 30-N. Cen. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 31-Half a score
- 33-Clear of
- 34-Small coin of U. S. (abbr.)
- 35-Approaching
- 38-A degree (abbr.)
- 39-Employ
- 40-Belated property by violence
- 41-Thus
- 43-Look with fixed gaze
- 45-Turf
- 47-Kingdom
- 48-Heavy cloak
- 49-An American naturalist

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Woody plant
- 53-Small (Scott.)
- 54-A little
- 55-Strike gently
- 56-Termination of nouns denoting vocation
- 58-Taunt
- 60-Fortified asseport of Morocco
- 62-Tropical fruit (pl.)
- 64-A small greenish fish
- 65-Reverberated
- 66-Mountain range of W. China

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Playing
- 18-Enclose
- 20-Small depression
- 22-Snare
- 24-One who loves his country
- 25-Seed covering
- 27-Thick
- 28-Inflexibility
- 32-Born (French)
- 33-Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)
- 35-Poisonous serpent (pl.)
- 37-Small particles of matter
- 38-Ending of nouns denoting action
- 40-Wager
- 41-Rain and hail
- 42-A Hebrew measure
- 44-A Finnish island
- 46-Speech
- 48-Pertaining to Arius
- 50-Fabulous sea-nymph
- 51-The nostrils
- 52-Greek letter B
- 53-Combining form. Equal
- 55-Part of head
- 57-Coal container
- 58-Specific gravity
- 60-A thoroughfare (abbr.)

TRAGEDY AT FANLING STEEPLECHASES

FAMOUS JUMP PONY BREAKS HIS NECK

CHRISTMAS MEETING HELD

A very rare tragedy occurred yesterday at the Christmas steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club at Kwan-ti, Fanling, in the New Territories. That hero of many a jump—and also of an occasional surprise win on the flat—Ace of Spades, broke his neck when he came down badly at Lou's Leap in the principal event of the day. His rider, Mr. R. H. Charles, had to be removed in an ambulance suffering from concussion.

The going was fairly firm and the fields were evenly matched. Fast times were returned. The racing was interesting. Three hot favorites caught the Judge's eye; the winner in Ace of Spades' race was practically joint favorite; and the remaining winner was an outsider, Lt. Comdr. C. F. H. Churchill, R.N., bringing in Lt. W. G. Mattingley's Fire Call in the race for the Services.

Mr. W. T. Stanton was on two winners and he only had three mounts. Lt. Comdr. T. O. Bulteel claimed one first and two seconds. Mr. Fischer and Mr. Arnold were unseated but returned to the jockeys' room unassisted.

A Fine Record

Mr. J. Lowrie (who is "Mr. Ulster" on the turf) deserves sympathy for the loss of his Ace of Spades. For several seasons this pony has done wonders at Kwan-ti, having come to be regarded by the public in almost the same light as Old Bill at Shanghai. Credit for bringing Ace of Spades to the forefront goes to Lt. J. G. Shillington of the K.O.S. Borderers, who made him jump to perfection, won nearly every big trophy in his time and then disposed of him to "Mr. Ulster."

The duel yesterday between Ace of Spades and Mr. Stanton's Montana was eagerly looked forward to. Like some of the other favorites (and winners), Ace of Spades made the pace; but he did not appear to take the jumps as well as he has done; and it was anybody's race when the fall came. Racing details and cash sweep results follow:—

1.—Christmas Pudding Stakes:

Once Round

Mr. Ulster's Erin's Isle (Mr. Charles) 1

Dr. MacGown's Huntington (Mr. Bulteel) 2

Mr. Patten's Lightning (Mr. Patten) 3

Also ran:—Craigavad (Mr. Arnold); Fern Leaf (Mr. Lang); Fook Shau (Mr. Alms); Grey Eyes (Mr. Magnay); Movanager (Mr. Cave); Safety Last (Mr. Churchill); Social Mark (Mr. Stanton); Strathorne (Mr. Mattingley).

Many lengths; two lengths. Time: 2 mins. 12.1-5 secs.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$3.10; Places, \$2.70, \$4.50, \$6.50.

2.—United Services Christmas Cup: 1 1/4 Miles

Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call (Mr. Churchill) 1

Mr. McCartney's Fanling Stag (Mr. McCartney) 2

Comdr. Lang's As You Like It (Comdr. Lang) 3

Also ran:—Aristophanes (Mr. Patten); Bright Prospect (Mr. Beasley); Brown Eve (Mr. Worrall); James Pigg (Mr. Arnold).

A length; half a length. Time: 3 mins. 22 secs.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$16.50; Places, \$3.80, \$2.50, \$3.50.

3.—The December Plate: 1 1/4 Miles

Mr. Stanton's Montana (Mr. Stanton) 1

Col. Haskard's Safety Last (Mr. Cave) 2

Mr. Richardson's Sure (Mr. Richardson) 3

Also ran:—Ace of Spades (Mr. Charles).

Many lengths; many lengths. Time: 3 mins. 47 secs.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$3.80; Places, \$3.10, \$6.20.

4.—Noel Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles

Mr. Stanton's Target (Mr. Stanton) 1

Major Lake's Sheila (Mr. Bulteel) 2

Mr. Cave's Movanager (Mr. Cave) 3

Also ran:—Ace of Spades (Mr. Charles).

Many lengths; many lengths. Time: 3 mins. 47 secs.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$3.80; Places, \$3.10, \$6.20.

5.—Winter Maidens: One Mile

Mr. Heard's Christmas Frolic (Mr. Bulteel) 1

Lt. Col. Little's Sunlach (Mr. Worrall) 2

Mr. Davidson's Aristophanes (Mr. Durrant) 3

Also ran:—Bingo (Mr. Churchill); Diana (Mr. Stanton); Sea Hawk (Mr. Cave); Two Club (Mr. Laing).

A length; a length. Parimutuel:—Winner \$2.80; Places, \$2.40, \$5.10, \$4.60.

Cash Sweeps

Race 1.

No. 160 \$154

" 30 44

" 152 22

Unplaced ponies, \$10 each:—

Nos. 146, 145, 118, 135, 94, 14, 163, 117.

Race 2.

No. 172 \$265.30

" 168 75.80

" 152 37.90

Unplaced ponies, \$10 each:—

Nos. 44, 21, 3, 91.

Race 3.

No. 94 \$325.50

" 187 93.00

" 61 46.50

Unplaced pony \$10:—No. 193.

Race 4.

No. 3449 \$2,747.50

" 5030 1,785.00

" 6369 392.50

Unplaced ponies \$36.40 each:—

Nos. 2181, 5255, 1987, 6040, 2185, 1404, 6083, 953, 1533, 1125, 916, 1396.

Race 5.

No. 147 \$328.30

" 275 93.80

" 121 46.90

Unplaced ponies, \$10 each:—

Nos. 117, 177, 269, 47.

Also ran:—Blotting Paper (Mr. Fischer); Duke of Neblung (Mr. Platt); Caviare (Mr. Durrant). Many lengths; many lengths. Time: 3 mins. 08 secs.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$2.70; Places, \$2.30, \$2.90, \$5.60.

5.—Winter Maidens: One Mile

Mr. Heard's Christmas Frolic (Mr. Bulteel) 1

Lt. Col. Little's Sunlach (Mr. Worrall) 2

Mr. Davidson's Aristophanes (Mr. Durrant) 3

Also ran:—Bingo (Mr. Churchill); Diana (Mr. Stanton); Sea Hawk (Mr. Cave); Two Club (Mr. Laing).

A length; a length. Parimutuel:—Winner \$2.80; Places, \$2.40, \$5.10, \$4.60.

Cash Sweeps

Race 1.

No. 160 \$154

" 30 44

" 152 22

Unplaced ponies, \$10 each:—

Nos. 146, 145, 118, 135, 94, 14, 163, 117.

Race 2.

No. 172 \$265.30

" 168 75.80

" 152 37.90

Unplaced ponies, \$10 each:—

Nos. 44, 21, 3, 91.

Race 3.

No. 94 \$325.50

" 187 93.00

" 61 46.50

Unplaced pony \$10:—No. 193.

Race 4.

No. 3449 \$2,747.50

" 5030 1,785.00

" 6369 392.50

Unplaced ponies \$36.40 each:—

Nos. 2181, 5255, 1987, 6040, 2185, 1404, 6083, 953, 1533, 1125, 916, 1396.

Race 5.

No. 147 \$328.30

" 275 93.80

" 121 46.90

Unplaced ponies, \$10 each:—

Nos. 117, 177, 269, 47.

RUGBY MATCH

H.M.S. "Cornwall" Beat Hong Kong By 5 Points

"A GREAT GAME"

Fortunes fluctuated with a vengeance when the Hong Kong Football Club (rugby section) met H.M.S. "Cornwall" for the second time this season, at Happy Valley on Saturday—the ground not being required for Saturday soccer after four o'clock—and the cruiser's XV repeated their victory in what was popularly voted to be one of the best games in Hong Kong for some considerable time, not even excluding the Hong Kong v. Shanghai interport match last season.

"Cornwall" dominated the first half but the Club's sorties, after "lemons," were full of vim. One such succeeded but the sailors, roused by this reverse, took full toll of blunders on the part of the civilians, scored and took the lead, and then clinched the issue, ultimately winning by eight points to three. The teams in this veritable "needle" match were:—

H.K.F.C. (rugby section):—R. J. Grieve; L. Goldman, M. D. Scott, G. A. L. Plummer; G. P. Lammer; J. D. H. Hutchison, J. L. Bonnar; F. R. Burch, A. D. Sutcliffe, D. L. Mine-Day, T. Riddell, E. R. West, W. E. Peers, J. A. E. Kendrew, B. P. Massey (captain).

H.M.S. "Cornwall":—A. B. Webb; Mne. Mackay, Mne. Boylan, Midshipman, Buckley, Midshipman Bilge; Sto. Sayers, Sto. Davies; Sto. Roach, Ldg. Sto. Morgan, E.R.A. Lord, Midshipman Griffiths, Lt. Maclean (captain), A.B. Knott, Mne. Smith, Lt. Archdall, R.M.

Referee:—H. L. F. Ewin.

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:- Il Maru, Manila Maru, Anzan Maru, Chusan, Daishu Maru and Kancho.

INWARD MAILS

From	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.	Per
Japan	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25.	Tango Maru
Japan	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.	Tilawa
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, Nov. 28)	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.	Takada
Straits	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28.	Mirzapore
Japan and Shanghai		Suwa Maru
Canada (Victoria, B.C., Dec. 7), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		Empress of Canada
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Nov. 29), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		President Garfield

OUTWARD MAILS

For	MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.	Per
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Cleveland (Due Victoria, B.C., Jan. 18, 1930.) Parcels Dec. 23, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. Prominent 5.30 p.m. Kong Ning 4 p.m. Everett 4.30 p.m.	
Saigon	President Cleveland Registration Dec. 23, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Song Bo 5 p.m. Nampeng 5 p.m.	
Manila	Prominent 5 p.m. Sunning 5 p.m.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.	
Haiphong	Manila Maru 9.30 a.m.	
Holhow and Haiphong	Manila Maru 10 a.m.	
Saigon	Seattle Maru 10.30 a.m.	
Swatow	Patricius (Due Marseilles, Jan. 22, 1930.) Registration Dec. 24, 1.45 p.m. Letters 1 p.m.	
*Saigon, Straits, South Africa and *South American Ports	Patricius 1.45 p.m. Clara, Jensen 4.30 p.m.	
Japan	Haikou 5 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Choon, Shing 5 p.m. Wai Shing 5 p.m.	

AIRMAN'S FORCED LANDING

CHICHESTER COMES DOWN ON ITALIAN SALT MARSHES

'PLANE DAMAGED'

Rome, Yesterday. Chichester was forced to land in the salt marshes to the rear of Tripoli. The machine is damaged but the airman is unhurt.—Reuter.

[Mr. Chichester, a wealthy New Zealander, left Croydon Aerodrome at three a.m. on Dec. 19, in an attempt to fly to Australia in a Gipsy Moth aeroplane. It is understood he hopes to beat the record of Bert Hinkler, who flew from Croydon to Australia in fifteen and a half days in February, last year. He learned to fly three months ago and has since made a lengthy tour of Europe.] Catania, Yesterday.

Capt. Chichester, who is attempting to beat Capt. Bert Hinkler's record flight to Australia in a light aeroplane, has left for Home.—Reuter.

EGYPT ELECTION

Victory Anticipated By Wafdists

Cairo, Yesterday. Two men are reported to have been killed in an election riot at Beirut, upper Egypt. Minor scuffles occurred elsewhere, but compared with former general elections yesterday's was the quietest.

Although the results are not yet available, a Wafdist victory is undoubtedly.

There are 232 seats. A hundred and two Wafdists and three independents were returned unopposed. Liberals decided not to participate because the Wafdists declined to make the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty the issue in the election. The Wafdists have won every general election since 1924.—Reuter.

Majority Certain

Cairo, Later. An overwhelming Wafdist majority is certain. Of 160 election results, including the unopposed, so far the Wafdists have won 140 seats. All anti-Wafdists in Cairo forfeit their deposits, except the Itchadist ex-Finance Minister, Aly Pasha Maher.—Reuter.

THE ROYAL XMAS

How Their Majesties Will Spend The 25th

Rugby, Yesterday. The King and Queen, accompanied by their grand daughter, Princess Elizabeth, yesterday left London for Sandringham, where Christmas will be spent. The King will return to London for the opening of the Five Power Naval Conference, which will assemble in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords on December 21, and will be addressed by His Majesty.—British Wireless Service.

CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR 'PRESS KING'

YOUNG GERMANY INDIFFERENT TO NATIONALIST BILL

SHOPPING MORE POPULAR

Berlin, Yesterday. Nearly 42,000,000 male and female electors were entitled yesterday to participate in the Referendum on the Nationalist "Liberty Bill" (a Bill against the enslavement of the German Nation), aimed at the rejection of the Young Plan and the trial for high treason of the Ministers who signed it, but the majority of the voters abstained, many being more interested in "Golden of the Sunday" Christmas shopping. The final results show that only 6,600,000 voted for the Bill instead of nearly 21,000,000, which was necessary in order to make it law. After the recent Reichstag rejection, the result is a crushing defeat for Hugenberg "the Press King" and the Nationalist followers.—Reuter.

Degrees

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day 45
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday 51
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day 65
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday 66

BREWER CASE

(Continued from Page 1.)

MEETING OF JUNE 18

Coming to the meeting of June 18, you are relying on the minutes for your account of what happened at it?—Yes, I can't remember without referring to it. That was signed by all the shareholders present and by myself.

And the resolutions were passed?—Yes, unanimously.

Before the close of the meeting did not, in fact, the shareholders vote by raising their hands?—It was a resolution without a Chairman.

But there was voting?—You can call it "passed without a Chairman" (Laughter).

Can you say that the resolutions were passed?—As there was no Chairman I cannot say that they were passed.

At any rate there was voting?—Yes.

Before the meeting of July 21, did Mr. Brewer inquire of you who made the alteration of capital (in the type-written copy of the balance sheet)?—Yes, and I told him that Li Tung made the alteration. Mr. Brewer then asked me to send for Li Tung. I did so, and he came and saw Mr. Brewer.

How long was that before the meeting?—More than a week before. I can say this because it was necessary to convene the meeting one week before the date fixed for it.

Was it after Mr. Brewer had discovered the alteration that he asked you to call the meeting of the 21st?—Yes, after he had seen Li Tung, Mr. Brewer sent for me and asked me to

RECOVERY OF THE DOLLAR

BRIGHT PROSPECTS IN COLONY FOR NEW YEAR

SETTLEMENT DAY

"The biggest since the Strike in the summer of 1925," was the unanimous opinion of all in Ice House Street this morning, the occasion being December Settlement Day, the last of the year.

This was predicted some time ago and was only to be expected with the drop in the dollar and the continuation of forward business.

Rumours of a possible hitch were not borne out and the settlement proceeded smoothly because preparations had been made, such having commenced a week ago when, once again, the tendency of stockbrokers to "stand by each other" was apparent.

A Healthy Tone

Confidence was expressed in the immediate future. This was based on the healthy tone of the market and appreciable rise these last few days in several stocks.

One leading broker put the turnover (of the settlement to-day) at between two and three million dollars. Another thought the figure was higher! At any rate, it does not bear comparison with the boom times of 1924, but a beginning towards a real recovery has been made.

Individuals have been hit by the unfortunate trend of affairs in Shanghai (where there has been a serious hitch in the settlement) but the trouble up North has had no effect on the Hong Kong settlement.

write to the shareholders about the meeting.

SEEMED DISPLEASED Did Mr. Brewer appear surprised when he saw the alteration?—Yes, he seemed displeased with it, too.

You don't remember what happened at the meeting of July 21, except by looking in the minute book?—I could remember certain things because it was not a common sort of meeting.

You were the secretary of the bank from the beginning?—Yes.

You know that besides the registered shares there were applications for shares worth \$1,133,000?—Yes.

Were these genuine applications?—Yes.

And were they accepted by the Company?—Yes.

With regard to applications for loans in respect of calls in advance, you know all about those?—Yes.

Those who took loans were willing to pay calls in cash?—Yes.

Do you know why this system was adopted?—Because in this way when money was needed it was easier to collect it.

Was it at that time intended to have a trained banker as manager?—Yes.

The idea was that pending his appointment the money could remain at call?—Yes.

So far as you know, at the date the loans were made, were all the shareholders in a position to pay?—Of course.

Going back to the meeting of July 21, Mr. Brewer at that meeting stated that shareholders must not have high hopes in view of the altered balance sheet?—Yes.

Did he also say that the auditor had told him it was the usual Chinese custom to frame a balance sheet in that way?—Yes.

Did he say to the shareholders if they were satisfied he was?—Yes.

Was the matter discussed by the shareholders?—There was some discussion and they decided that since the auditor had said it was all right it must be all right.

A MATTER OF MEMORY Mr. Fitzroy (rising to re-examine): Your memory seems to be improving. Let us hope that you will try to keep it level.

Mr. Davidson: He is your own witness, Mr. Fitzroy.

Mr. Fitzroy: I know that very well. I know all about it.

Mr. Fitzroy (to witness): How long were the Canton and Shekhi branches opened?—The Canton branch was opened for only two months, and the Shekhi one for several months.

In answer to another question, witness said: It is hard for me to say how much money each branch lost. I am not in charge of the accounts.

Then why do you say it was a death blow to the Company?—

Mr. Davidson: Mr. Fitzroy is cross-examining his own witness and saying that he is not telling the truth.

Mr. Fitzroy: I never said "he is not telling the truth." That is the last thing I want to say! (Laughter).

To witness: How was it a death blow?—It brought a bad name to the bank. Since the branches were closed people would naturally infer that the business was bad.

The case continued in the afternoon.

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